

MEETING AND GREETING

Quizlet set

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Warm up

Match the questions and answers that people use when they meet.

Part A

1. What's your name?	a. I'm from France.
2. How old are you?	b. I'm fine, thanks.
3. Where are you from?	c. My name is Marie Bernard.
4. How are you?	d. I'm twenty-two.

Part B

1. Are you here on holiday?	a. For ten days.
2. Are you studying here?	b. No thanks, I have some water.
3. How long are you staying here?	c. Yes, I'm here with my family.
4. Would you like something to drink?	d. Yes, I'm on an English course.

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Listening

Marie is in her English class. She meets another student. Listen to the conversation and number the questions in the order you hear them.

Part 1

How are you? _____

How long are you staying here? _____

What's your name? _____

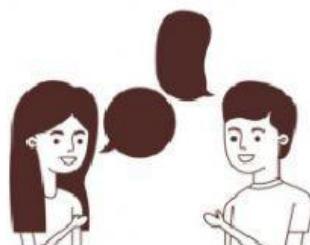
Where are you from? _____

Would you like something to drink? _____

Part 2

Listen again and choose the correct information.

1. Luis is from *France / Spain*.
2. Marie lives in *Paris / London*.
3. Luis is staying for *six weeks / months*.
4. Marie is staying for *one week / month*.
5. The teacher says that *class* starts in *ten / five minutes*.
6. Marie and Luis decide to get something to *eat / drink*.



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Language point

Study these sentences.

Marie: *Hi, how are you?* / Luis: *I'm fine.*

Luis: *Is he the teacher?* / Marie: *Yes, he is.*

We use **to be** verbs in sentences with nouns and adjectives. This verb is **irregular**.

Study the table below. Then choose the best answers to the questions.

	singular		plural	
	long form	contraction (short form)	long form	contraction (short form)
1st person	I am	I'm	we are	we're
2nd person	you are	you're	you are	you're
3rd person	he / she / it is	he's / she's / it's	they are	they're

yes-no questions	Am I late? / Are you late? / Is she late?	Are we late? / Are they late?
short answers - positive	Yes, I am. / Yes, you are./ Yes, she is.	Yes, we are. / Yes, they are.
short answers - negative	No, I'm not. / No, you're not. / No, he's not.	No, we're not. / No, they're not.
	No, you aren't. / No, he isn't.	No, we aren't. / No, they aren't.

Choose the best answer.

1. When we write the first person singular, we use **a capital letter I / lower-case letter i**.
2. We use **different / the same** forms of to be with **we, you** and **they**.
3. We **use / don't use** an apostrophe (') to make the short forms (contractions).
4. We **use / don't use** contractions in short positive answers.
5. We use **the same / a different** word order in questions and sentences.
6. There is **one way/ are two ways** to make negative short answers with contractions.

We use **contractions** (short forms) when we speak in **informal situations**.

Practise saying these sentences.

- I'm fine. You're fine. He's fine.
- We're fine. They're fine.
- I'm a student. You're a student. She's a student.
- We're students. They're students.

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Practice

Write a form of **to be** in the gaps to complete these sentences.

1. He _____ the teacher.
2. I _____ not from London.
3. They _____ students.
4. _____ you from Poland?
5. They _____ not late.
6. I _____ from Japan.
7. _____ we late?
8. She _____ here on holiday.

1. Which sentences can have contractions?
2. Write those sentences again, with contractions. For one sentence, you can write two forms.
3. Write positive and negative answers to questions 4 and 7. Write two forms if you can.

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Speaking

Lisa and Ricardo are in London. They start talking in the street.
Complete the conversation.

A - Ricardo	B - Lisa
Hi. My _____ ¹ is Ricardo. What's your name?	Hi, I'm Lisa. Nice to _____ ² you.
Nice to meet you too. _____ ³ you here on holiday?	Yes, I'm here with my family. They _____ ⁴ at the hotel now.
How _____ ⁵ are you staying?	Two weeks. And _____ ⁶ ?
I'm on an English course with my brother. We _____ ⁷ here for six weeks.	Are you _____ ⁸ Italy?
No, we _____ ⁹ . We're from Brazil. Where are you from?	I _____ ¹⁰ from Germany. How old are you?
I'm eighteen. My brother _____ ¹¹ twenty. How old are you?	I _____ ¹² nineteen. My sister is twenty-two.
Would you _____ ¹³ something to drink?	_____ ¹⁴ , please. I need a coffee.

6**Extra practice/homework**

Find mistakes in these sentences and correct them.

1. He be from England.
2. Theyre at the hotel.
3. You are from China?
4. Yes, we're.
5. No, we're aren't.
6. i'm twenty-three. How old are you?
7. How are you? I fine, thanks.
8. Is the teacher.

7**Optional extension**

Here are some more useful expressions for meeting people. Match the pairs.

Match the pairs.

1. Have a nice weekend!	a. Great, thanks. And yours?
2. How was your weekend?	b. Same to you!
3. I have to go now.	c. I'm a teacher / a student / a businessman.
4. Sorry, I'm a bit late.	d. Don't worry. It's all right.
5. What do you do?	e. See you later.

- Which two of these expressions do you use when you start to talk to someone?
- Which two of these expressions do you use at the end of your conversation?