

# WORLD GREETINGS

## Brazil

Men often shake hands when they meet for the first time. When women meet, they touch cheeks and kiss. Women also kiss male friends to say hello.

*Note: When you shake hands, look at the person. It's polite.<sup>1</sup>*



kiss

## New Zealand

In formal situations, both men and women usually shake hands when they meet someone for the first time. In informal situations, people often give a short wave and say "Hi."

*Note: If you see two people pressing their noses together, they are probably Maori. The Maori are the native people of New Zealand. This is their traditional greeting.*



shake hands

## Japan

When people meet for the first time, they usually bow. In business, people also shake hands. In formal situations, people often exchange business cards. When you give a business card, it's polite to give it with two hands.

*Note: In Japan, a smile can have different meanings. It usually means that the person is happy or that the person thinks something is funny. But it can also mean that the person is embarrassed.*



bow

<sup>1</sup>If you are polite, you act in a respectful way.

**Make predictions; Scan for details.** Guess where people use the greetings below: Brazil, New Zealand, or Japan? Then check your ideas.

| Greeting       | Country |
|----------------|---------|
| 1. bow         | _____   |
| 2. kiss        | _____   |
| 3. press noses | _____   |
| 4. shake hands | _____   |
| 5. wave        | _____   |

**REPORT:** PEOPLE (greeting) IN (country).



**Read for details.** Read the article. Make these sentences true. Tell a partner.

1. In Brazil, women kiss other women as a greeting. Women don't kiss men.
2. When you shake hands, don't look at the person.
3. The Maori are the native people of Brazil.
4. In Japan, a smile always means you are happy.

**HOW DO YOU GREET YOUR...**

PARENTS?  
SIBLINGS?  
FRIENDS AND BEST FRIENDS?  
TEACHER?  
ACQUAINTANCES?  
GIRLFRIEND OR BOYFRIEND?  
GRANDPARENTS?



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