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Speaking skills practice: Meeting people – exercises

It's Makayla's first day at a new school and she's lost.

Do the preparation exercise first. Then watch the video and follow the instructions to practise your speaking.

Preparation

Write the words in the correct order to make sentences and questions.

1. ? | OK | you | Are ……
2. school. | I'm | new | this | at ……
3. your | ? | name | What's ……
4. do | you | it? | spell | How ……
5. birthday | November. | My | in | is ……
6. you | in? | class | What | are ……
7. lost. | am | I ……
8. yet. | know | don't | I ……

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

1.	It's Makayla's first day at a new school.	*True*	*False*
2.	Makayla knows a lot of people at the school.	*True*	*False*
3.	Gemma is friendly and helpful.	*True*	*False*
4.	Makayla is 18.	*True*	*False*
5.	Gemma and Makayla are both in Year 11.	*True*	*False*
6.	Gemma will help Makayla find her teacher.	*True*	*False*

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2. Check your understanding: ordering

Write numbers (1–7) to put the conversation in order.

.....	I need to go to the library. Do you know where it is?
.....	Where do you need to go?
.....	Yes, I do. I'm going to the library now. Let's go together.
.....	No problem. Come with me.
.....	Hi, how are you?
.....	Really? OK, great! Thank you!
.....	Hello. I'm OK, thanks … but I'm lost.

3. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

in	am	don't
spell	year	birthday

1. I _____ know anyone.
2. How do you _____ it? With a 'p' or a 'b'?
3. What _____ are you in at school?
4. I'm _____ Year 8.
5. I'm 15. My _____ is in June.
6. I _____ late!

Discussion
What do you usually say in English when you meet someone new for the first time?

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