



GREETINGS AROUND THE WORLD



1. VOCABULARY. What do the words in **sky blue** mean? Match them with the words below

One **custom**¹ that gives insight into people's history and values is the way they greet one another. There is a wide **range**² of greetings around the world. These range from the common handshake to other strange **rituals**³ found in some countries. Let's **take a look at** how the simple action of **greeting**⁴ someone differs greatly from place to place.

1. to say hello or welcome someone in a friendly way _____
2. a way of behaving that is commonly used by people in a certain place _____
3. actions performed for a particular reason _____
4. to change from one thing to another within a certain limit _____

2. VOCABULARY. Label the greeting customs using these words: *grasp, hug, kiss on the cheek, handshake, Maori's people greeting, Arabic hug, stick the tongue out, Japanese bow*



3. READING. Read and complete the table below

In the United States and Canada, for example, a simple handshake is the norm. Handshakes are also common in other parts of the world, including Britain and Russia. In Russia, males grasp other men's hands very strongly during the handshake. Handshakes are also how most people in New Zealand greet each other. However, the native Maori people of that country display more physical contact: they press their noses together in a sign of trust.

In other countries, such as France and Belgium, hugging and kissing are more common when two people meet. In those cultures, people kiss each other on the cheeks. The number of times varies depending on the particular country. In Saudi Arabia, men might hug and kiss each other (but not a woman) on the cheek. Men will also shake hands with other men there. In some Eastern countries, including Korea and Japan, bowing is the traditional greeting. The strangest custom, though, is likely in Tibet. People there opt to stick out their tongue to greet others.

Greeting	Country/region
Handshake (5)	
Press their noses (1)	
Hugging and kissing (3)	
Bowing (2)	
Stick out their tongue (1)	