

Kiss, Bow, or Shake Hands?

Chapter

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Chapter Focus

CONTENT

How do you greet people?

READING SKILLS

Previewing
Taking notes

VOCABULARY SKILLS

Using adjectives and adverbs
Using indirect and direct objects





bow



shake hands firmly



give a hug



kiss on the cheek



give a pat on the back



touch fists

Questions

1. Which of the greetings above do you frequently use?
2. How do you usually greet your close friends?
3. How do you greet people in formal situations, such as at a job interview?
4. Which of the ways to greet people above is the most formal? Which is the least formal?

Words to Remember

NOUNS

situation
way

VERBS

change
depend
describe
shake hands
touch

ADJECTIVES

acceptable
common
formal
traditional

ADVERBS

slightly
though
together

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1 *People greet each other in many different ways. We asked four people to describe the ways they greet people in their country. Here's what they wrote:*

I greet people differently depending on the situation. In formal situations, I usually shake hands. And when I meet someone for the first time, I almost always shake hands. It's important to shake hands firmly. When I greet casual friends, I just say, "Hi!" For close friends, I usually give them a hug. It's a little different for men though. Where I live, it's not very common for male friends to hug each other. They do other things like the "**fist bump**." That's when two people touch fists.

10 —*Sandra (U.S.)*

In formal situations or when I meet someone for the first time, I shake hands. It's important to shake hands firmly and look the other person in the eye when you greet them. I always hug my friends. Hugging is perfectly acceptable. It's OK for men to hug other men, for men to hug women, and for women to hug other women.



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15 for men to hug women, and for women to hug other women.

—*Kamal (Turkey)*

In a formal situation or when I meet someone for the first time, I always shake hands. When I greet a male friend, I give him a hug and a pat on the back. When I greet a close female friend, I give her
20 a small hug and a kiss on the cheek. My female friends greet each other in this way too.

—*Octavio (Venezuela)*

When I meet a friend, I greet them with a *wai*—I put my hands together in front of my chest and bow slightly—and say, “*Sawadee*,”
25 which means “Hello.” In formal situations, some people still use this traditional Thai greeting, but these days more and more businesspeople shake hands. Times are changing.

—*Noi (Thailand)*



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Word Count: 302



Reading Time:



Words per Minute:

B. Comprehension. Read each sentence and check (✓) True or False. Then rewrite the false statements to make them true.

- | | True | False |
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| 1. Greetings are the same everywhere in the world. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Female friends in the United States hug each other, but men don't usually hug other men. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. In Turkey, both male and female friends hug each other. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. In Turkey, you should look at the other person when you shake hands. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Male friends greet each other with a hug and a kiss in Venezuela. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. In Venezuela, both female and male friends greet each other with a hug. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. In formal situations in Thailand, some people bow and some people shake hands. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Understanding the Text

A. Read the article on page 21 and take notes about greetings in the chart below. Then compare charts with a partner.

ng Skill:

Notes

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Country	Greetings in Formal Situations	Greetings Among Friends
in the United States	<i>shake hands firmly</i>	
in Turkey		
in Venezuela		
in Thailand		