

Greetings

Starter:

The picture below shows some typical greetings. Which greetings do you think are casual? friendly? polite?
Use **casual or very friendly greetings** when you are among friends--particularly friends your own age.



Polite greetings can be used at any time except in the most formal situations.
Use **formal greetings** when you meet important people or older people.

Note: "Hey" is used as a casual, very friendly greeting. Hiya is short for 'how are you?'

"Howdy" (a very casual "abbreviation" of "How do you do?")

"What's up?, What's new?, What's happening? or What's going on?" are informal ways of saying 'how are you?'

"How's it going? or How are you doing?" are casual ways of saying 'how are you?'

Conversation. Read and practice the conversation below.

Mr. Chen: Good morning, Mrs. Yoda.

Mrs. Yoda: Good morning, Mr. Chen. How are you?

Mr. Chen: I'm fine thanks, and you?

Mrs. Yoda: Not too bad. Mr. Chen, this is my husband Hiro, Hiro this is Mr. Chen my office-mate.

Mr. Yoda: Nice to meet you.

Mr. Chen: Nice to meet you too. Are you from Japan, Mr. Yoda?

Mr. Yoda: Yes, North of Japan, from Hokkaido. And you, are you from Beijing?

Mr. Chen: No, I'm from Shanghai, but I live in Beijing now.

Mrs. Yoda: Well, goodbye Mr. Chen, it was nice to see you.

Mr. Chen: Yes, goodbye.

Language Focus

Special Expressions

Excuse me/Pardon me is used to get someone's attention or to get past someone who is in your way. It's also used to say that you are sorry. You say excuse me before you leave the room.

When you ask someone to repeat what was said you use the expression, **pardon me?** Or **I beg your pardon?**

To wish someone success for example on exams, job interviews or contests use the expression **Good luck!**

Congratulations is used to someone who has achieved something or had good fortune.

Happy Birthday is used to wish someone well on their birthday and on or soon after New Year's Day use the expression **Happy New Year!**

Exercise 1. What would you say or write to a friend in these situations?

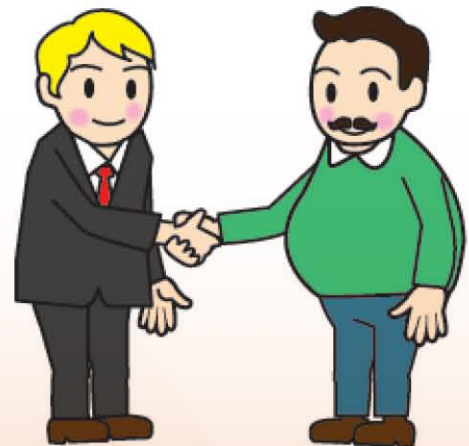
1. Your friend turns 21 tomorrow.
2. It is January 1st or soon after.
3. Your friend has just passed an important exam.
4. Your friend is going to take a driving test next week.
5. You ask someone to repeat what was said.

Exercise 2. Look at the sentences below. Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. Hello Mike! Great to see you again, _____ (who, how) are you?
2. I'm _____ (not, so) bad, thanks!
3. How are you _____ (being, doing)?
4. I'm _____, (alright, all right) thanks!

Exercise 3. Pair work. Choose a partner and do a role-play using the guided conversation.

- A: Hello!
B: Hi, how are you?
A: _____, and you?
B: _____.
A: I'm _____. What is your name?
B: Nice to meet you. My name is _____.
A: Nice to meet you too.
B: Where are you from?
A: I'm from _____. Where are you from?
B: I'm from _____.
A: Goodbye!
B: See you later!



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