

Goodies



Greetings in different cultures



In Hong Kong, the usual way you greet people is to say “Hi” or “Hello” with a smile. Among adults, a handshake and a smile will do. But of course, a hug is in order for a relative or a close friend you have not seen for a long time. But such gestures could be offensive in other parts of the world. Different cultures do have very different ways of greeting. Read on to find out more.

Hello! Nǐ hǎo! Nei ho ma?

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Hi!



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Editor's Note

Hi! If you were to meet me for the first time, I would stick my hand out and offer you a handshake. Some people find it weird because it is too formal for them but that is normal in countries such as Britain. But in countries such as Spain and Italy, their citizens like to give you a kiss on both cheeks. I would find it odd but that is their culture. In New Zealand, the Maoris rub their noses with each other as a greeting. I usually have a runny nose so that would not be a good idea! But it is good to travel to other countries and also see their famous sites. I would love to go to the Colosseum one day. The original one in Rome – not the one in Hung Hom! Turn to G04 to learn more about famous landmarks.



Simon

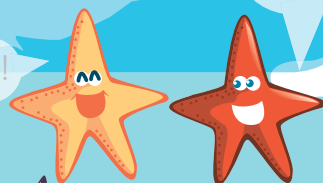
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Foreign greetings



Lie down

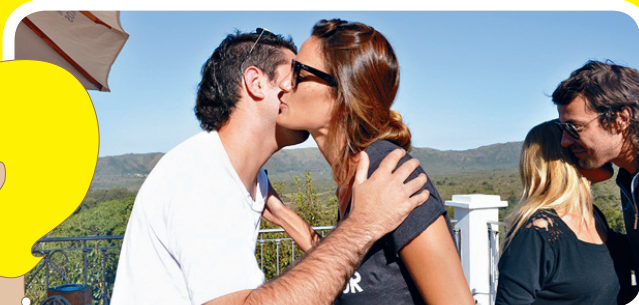
IN Liberia, this is the way children greet their **elders** and parents. They are **expected** not to stand up until being told to. Young people will bow at the knee when they greet an older person to show **respect**.

Hello!



Cheek kissing

EXCHANGING kisses on both cheeks, '*faire la bise*' in French, is a rather common way of greeting in France between family, friends, and some **colleagues**. It is also a way to express congratulations and thanks.



Upe

IN Costa Rica, you shout "Oooooooooope" (Oo-pay") when visiting someone's house. The yelling serves as both a knock and greeting. Upe is short for the **expression** "Ave María para nuestra Santísima Madre la Virgen de Guadalupe", which refers to "Our Lady of Guadalupe".



G TIPS

Other ways to say 'hi'

There are many phrases you can say when greeting someone:

- How are you doing?
- How is your day?
- How is everything?
- It's nice/good to see you.
- How are things?
- How do you do?

G FUN

Game

Big Dee has just arrived at school and he comes across Rose. How will they greet each other? Fill in the speech bubbles!

