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GREETING PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT CULTURES

- The way that people greet each other differs from one country to another, but all greetings are meant to show friendship and respect.
- In Japan, whether meeting someone for the first time or seeing an old friend, people usually greet each other with a bow.
- In Thailand, the custom is to put one's hands together at the chest or in front of the face, with the head bowed.
- In Latin countries, women often greet each other with an embrace, putting their cheeks together while exchanging greetings.
- Friendly backslapping is often a part of the embrace that Spanish men use to greet each other.
- In France the way to greet friends is with a kiss on both cheeks.
- The handshake is becoming the most popular greeting around the world.
- In European countries, the handshake has become so popular that it is used almost every time people get together - sometimes several times a day with the same person In Europe.

- People take each other's hands gently and don't move them as much as in other parts of the world In Arabic countries, men usually don't release the handshake until many greetings have been exchanged.
- In the United States, the handshake is used when meeting people for the first time or when greeting people on important occasions.
- But whatever greeting is used - a handshake, a bow, or an embrace - we can all recognize and understand a gesture of friendship.
- After a handshake, a bow or an embrace small talks usually begin, particularly if people meet for the first time and do not know each other very well.
- In most English-speaking countries, it is normal and necessary to make "small talk" in certain situations.
- Small talk is a casual form of conversation that "breaks the ice" or fills an awkward silence between people.
- Even though you may feel shy using your second language, it is sometimes considered rude to say nothing.