

English Greetings

Beginning

Ending

Used at the end of a conversation.

Either used to begin a conversation of used as a passing greeting.

Anytime of day Hello / Hi		Anytime of day Good Bye / Bye / Bye Bye					
					(Comes from Old English God Bless Ye)		
					Take Care		
		Morning	Actual Time	See you later			
		Good Morning	Normally anytime from Midnight to Midday.				
Mornin' (Short form)	Evening	Actual Time					
Good nigh		Good night	Anytime after 5pm until people have gone to sleep. (If a person has not slept you				
Afternoon	Actual Time	would still use evening until sunrise)					
Good afternoon Afternoon	After Midday until 5pm (Earliest time of sunset in England)	Religious					
(Short form)		May Allah protect you	From Arabic FI-UMMAN-ALLAH. Commonly used by Muslims				
Evening	Actual Time	God Bless You	Commonly used by Christians				
Good Evening	Anytime after 5pm until people have gone to sleep. (If a person has not slept you would still use evening until sunrise)	1	1				
Evenin' (Short form)		Good Day (G	Good Day (G'day) Australia				
		Have a nice day		US			

Body Language Guide

US	UK & Northern Europe	Mediterranean & Latin America	Middle East & Muslim countries	S.Korea, China and Japan
Generally a firm hand-shake. Female friends and good friends may kiss and hug.	A handshake. Female friends and good friends may kiss and hug.	Acquaintances can expect an air kiss on both cheeks. Hugs and kisses are normal. In Italy men may kiss each other on the lips.	Men may hug each other. Women and men may acknowledge each other with a small bow. Be aware that some men may not make any form of eye contact with women. More modern women may offer a gentle handshake, but a man should NEVER offer his hand first.	A bow is normal. The more junior person should bow lower. Some who are more westernized may offer a gentle handshake.



Teacher's Notes

This is a fairly comprehensive guide to greetings. I know every English book on the planet has a greetings section, but I still get asked this a lot so I thought I'd put them altogether in one place. This is not really intended as a lesson, but there is plenty of ways that you could use it as a warmer or part of a lesson, here are some ideas:

- 1. A simple Role play
- 2. Draw a clock on the board and ask students to decide when they would use Good morning, good afternoon, good evening and good night.
- 3. An introduction to the way that people greet each other in different cultures. Discuss what students do in their countries