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### Vocabulary

Gesture

Greeting

Insult

Rude

- a) What is a gesture you use every day?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b) Do you think gestures are the same around the world? Why do you think that?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c) Is there a gesture you don't like? What is it, and why don't you like it?

Watch this video: **Gestures around the world** [http://youtu.be/fa\\_GCK-Czqs](http://youtu.be/fa_GCK-Czqs)  
Answer the questions. Write full sentences, please!

1. In America, you should give a \_\_\_\_\_ handshake. You shouldn't give a \_\_\_\_\_ handshake.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How do Americans greet friends?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What does thumbs up mean in the US?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Name three meanings for the "V" sign
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What gesture is an insult in Italy? What does it mean?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How do you gesture "okay" in the US? Does it mean the same in your country?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Tell three new words you learned by watching this video.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Tell about 3 gestures from your country. Are they the same or different in the US? (use the back of this paper)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Write 3 questions you have about the video. (use the back of this paper)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Did you like watching the video? Why or why not? (use the back of this paper)

## Greetings around the world

(from Mama Lisa's Blog <http://www.mamalisa.com/blog/> )

I'm **fascinated** by the differences in how people greet each other in different countries. What can be good manners in one country, can be rude in another. When first meeting someone here in the US, at least in New York, most people will shake hands. Some women don't follow this custom, but younger women do.

Most people in the business world shake hands when meeting a business associate – whether for the first time, or even if they've met before. But if two people work in the same office, they generally wouldn't shake hands every day.

If you're greeting a person you know, like a friend who you've seen **recently**, you'd probably just say hi. If it's a family member, you might kiss them once on the cheek. If it's a friend or family member who you haven't seen for a while (or might not see again for a while) you might give them a kiss and an upper body hug. This would generally be between either two women, or a man and a woman, or sometimes two men who are **related** to each other (like a father and son).

### Responses to “Greeting Customs – How do you greet people where you’re from?”

1. **Janice Says:**

I'm from Hawaii...we are different from the rest of the US. We always greet people with a hug and kiss on the cheek...same for leaving...I do the same at work, unless the person has a very straight arm stuck out at me...then I will shake it...

**Virginia Says:**

In the Dominican Republic women greet friends with a kiss in the cheeks. Men usually greet other men with a hand shake and an upper body hug. Business men usually just use a hand shake or just say Hello.

2. **Lucyna Says:**

In my country (I come from Poland), we shake hands when it's a business meeting. We also do that when we introduce people to each other. But that is not a rule of course. When we are family or close friends we usually do the same (one kiss). If we haven't seen each other for a long time, we give three kisses.

3. **JK Says:**

Here in Japan you usually bow when first meeting someone. If you are friends though you usually just say, “Hello,” and maybe wave at each other. There tends to be much less body contact here than in other places I've lived.

4. **Viren D'Sa Says:**

In India we normally greet people with a handshake for business and a simple hi friends, but traditionally we welcome guests with a bow and joined hands saying “Namaste” meaning welcome.

5. **Lafolie Says:**

In Haiti, we kissed each other on the cheek, strangers and family; we are expected to. To not kiss someone on the cheek is a sign of disrespect. If there's a group of

people together and a friend of yours happen to be part of that group, you not only have to kiss her, but you have to kiss everyone in the group.

Young girls greet older men the same way. However, if a young girl and a guy are the same age, they shake hands. Kissing will be inappropriate.

Men shake hands if an stranger. Other time they shake hands and hug if they know each other very well.

6. **Suzu Says:**

In Filipino culture, you're supposed to take the hand of someone older than you and press it to your forehead. I've done this to grandparents and such, but in some families you have to do it to ANYONE older than you- even siblings!

**What were three new words you read?**

1.

2.

3.

**Write about your country:**

How do friends and family in your country greet each other?

How do business people in your country greet each other?

**Speak to someone from another country. Ask them these questions.**

**Be prepared to talk about this in our next class.**