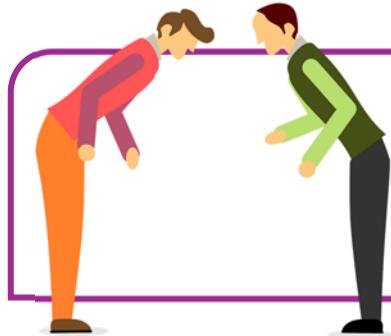


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Global Hellos

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Then answer the short questions that follow. Think about how people greet one another in different cultures around the world.

Cultural Greetings Exploration

Have you ever thought about how people say hello in other countries? In the United States, a handshake or wave is common when greeting someone. In Japan, people often bow to show respect. In France, friends might greet each other with light kisses on the cheeks. In some African countries, people greet with rhythmic handshakes that may include snapping fingers at the end.

Each greeting shows something about the culture. In Japan, bowing shows respect and humility. In France, cheek kisses show warmth and friendliness. In the United States, handshakes often show confidence. Some cultures avoid physical contact completely and prefer greetings with words, smiles, or nods instead. No matter where you are, greetings help people show kindness and connection.

1. What type of greeting is common in the United States?

2. How do people in Japan usually greet each other?

3. What does bowing in Japan show?

4. How do friends in France often greet one another?

5. Why are greetings important in any culture?

6. What could you do to greet someone respectfully from another culture?
