

9 Meeting people



1.24 Michael Robertson has arrived for another meeting.

Conversation A

Jessica: Michael! I'd like you to meet Josh Crosby.

Josh: How do you do, Michael?

Michael: I'm very well, thank you. It's good to meet you.

Jessica: Josh is our company lawyer. He's taking care of the contracts.

Josh: I hear you're from Canada.

Michael: Yes, that's right.

Josh: How long will you be staying in the States?

Michael: Oh, about three months.

Josh: How do you like it here so far?

Michael: It's great. Really enjoying it.

Josh: Well, if you'll excuse me, I have to go. It was good meeting you.

Michael: Thanks, good meeting you, too. Hope to see you again sometime.

1.25 Michael met Josh several more times. This is six weeks later.

Conversation B

Josh: Hey, how are you doing, Mike?

Michael: Good. And you?

Josh: Oh, I'm good. How's Jodie?

Michael: She's fine.

Josh: Great.

Michael: She's really enjoying Chicago.

Josh: Lousy weather, though.

Michael: Well, it's the same in Toronto.

Josh: Yeah. Listen, I have to be off. I'm already late - but it was great to see you again, Mike.

Michael: Yeah, good to see you, too. Take care.

1 Look at the key expressions in blue.

Replace them with the different expressions below.

Conversation A

I want to introduce ...

Please meet ...

This is ...

May I introduce you to ...

Pleased to meet you.

How long are you going to be here?

How long are you staying here?

Hope to meet you again.

It was a pleasure to meet you.

Conversation B

I've got to go.

Look after yourself.

See you later.

I'm fine, thanks.

Not too bad, thanks.

I've got to be going.

I'd better be going.

Keep well.

How's it going ...?

2 In threes, role-play Conversation A, then practice introductions.

Culture File 9 Greetings

3 Discuss:

How do you introduce / greet / say goodbye to friends / business people in your country and in other countries?

Do you ...

... shake hands?

... bow?

... exchange business cards?

... hug them?

... kiss them on the cheek / hand?