

Read the passage about meeting new people/social skills, and respond to the questions based on the text.

At some point, we have all had to meet a new person. In different cultures, the ways to meet and greet a new person can be different, but they should all be equally respected. In the United States, most people look each other in the eyes and give a firm hand shake when meeting for the first time. They may say a greeting like, "It's nice to meet you," or, "How are you?" Something that you can do (but don't have to) to help remember someone's name when you have just met is to repeat their name back to them. For example:

"Hi, it's nice to meet you! My name is Uriel."

"Uriel? Nice to meet you! My name is Ariana."

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2. What can you do to help remember someone's name?
3. Think of a time you met someone for the first time. How did it go?
4. (If applicable) What does a typical greeting between two people, who are meeting for the first time, look like in your culture/home country.

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POSSIBLE ANSWERS: a handshake; a firm handshake; a greeting; eye contact; “It’s nice to meet you”; “How are you?”

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