

Meeting

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Activity 1

Imagine that you have met a student leader from a guest country. Write and practise the conversation that would have happened between the two of you. You may start like this.

A: Hello, welcome to Sri Lanka.

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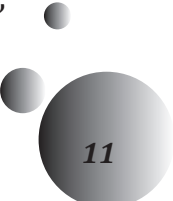
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Activity 2

Read the text and answer the questions.

The customs and styles followed in greeting someone vary from country to country. Tourists are often confused on how to greet people from different cultures when they travel around the world. Travellers necessarily need to be aware of the gestures used in some countries (especially in unfamiliar cultures) so as not to offend someone when meeting and greeting. Forms of greeting between men and women, men and men and women and women can be different in style.

Sri Lanka, with its ethnic diversity, has different greeting styles. We say “*Ayubowan*” in Sinhala or “*Wanakkam*” in Tamil when greeting while Muslims say “*Assalamu Alaikum*” and Burghers shake hands. Traditionally, Sri Lankans do not hug or kiss when greeting a person. In other Asian countries like China, people nod their heads and smile, or shake hands when greeting somebody in a formal situation.



In Russia a very firm handshake while maintaining direct eye contact is the common greeting style. However, one needs to remove his/her gloves before shaking hands. In the USA and in Britain shaking hands is the common tradition.

A)

1. The greeting styles used are (common, different, similar) from country to country.
2. The gestures used can be different depending on (gender, colour of the skin, size) of a person.
3. Sinhalese and Tamils follow..... (same, different, somewhat similar) gesture in greeting.
4. All the Sri Lankans follow (same, different, rather different) gestures in greeting.
5. (shaking hands, kissing, nodding) is the widespread greeting style all over the world at present.
6. (having direct eye contact, shaking hands, hugging) is common in Russia, USA Britain and China.

B) Give a suitable title to the passage.

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C) Find other ways of greeting people in different culture and write five sentences.

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Activity 3 Listening

Listen to the dialogue between Ajayan and Nipuna and underline the correct answer.

1. The speech is on
 - a) leadership
 - b) leadership qualities
 - c) challenges faced by a leader
2. Number of qualities Ajayan found is
 - a) 10
 - b) more than twenty
 - c) more than ten
3. Ajayan is going to talk about
 - a) only 5 of them
 - b) only 7 of them
 - c) only ten of them
4. Ajayan is not going to add all qualities because some of them are
 - a) similar
 - b) overlapping
 - c) not practical
5. One of the leadership qualities not mentioned in the dialogue is
 - a) discipline
 - b) being optimistic
 - c) punctuality

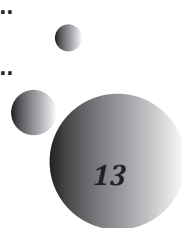
Activity 4

Think of a leader in your school / village and list out the leadership qualities he/ she has. Then write five sentences describing him/her.

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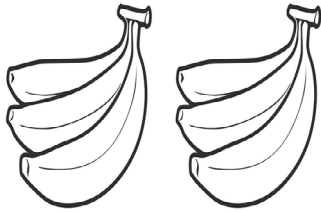
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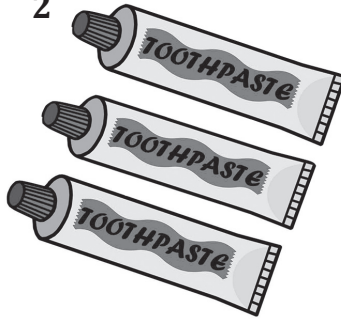
Activity 6

Name the following pictures and write five sentences using the collective nouns.

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e.g. :- two combs of banana

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Activity 7

Be in groups and make a scrap book on different food items, dress patterns and customs followed by different countries. Present it to the class.