

Cultural Etiquette and Taboos

Etiquette

Etiquette means the rules you need to follow when you are with other people.

However, it is different from country to country.

Taboo

Taboo means something you cannot do.

It is also different from country to country.

Today, we are going to talk about the differences in etiquette and taboos.

polite有禮貌的

rude 無禮的

bow 鞠躬

cheek 臉頰

palm 手掌

common 普遍的

Stick 伸出

evil邪惡





Greetings

It is always polite to exchange greetings when you meet someone.

How can we say hello in ...

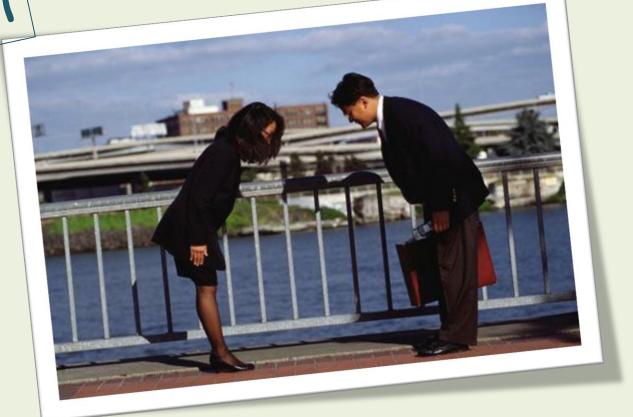
We	say	hello in	English.
We	say		in Chinese.
We	say		in Japanese.
We	say		in Spanish.
We	say		in German.
We	say		in Italian.

Can we say hello without using any words?

Not only the spoken language, but body language is different in different countries.



In Japan



People bow when they meet each other.

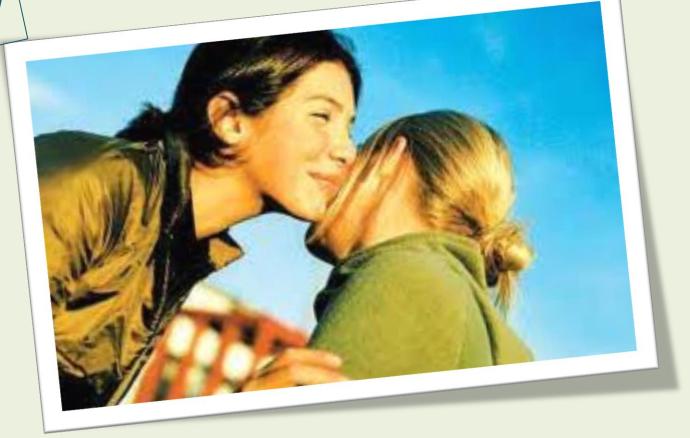
In Thailand

Sawatdee-krap



People bow slightly with the palms pressed together.

In Italy



Italians greet friends with two light kisses on each cheek.

In Hawaii

Aloha



The "shaka sign" is a common greeting in Hawaii.

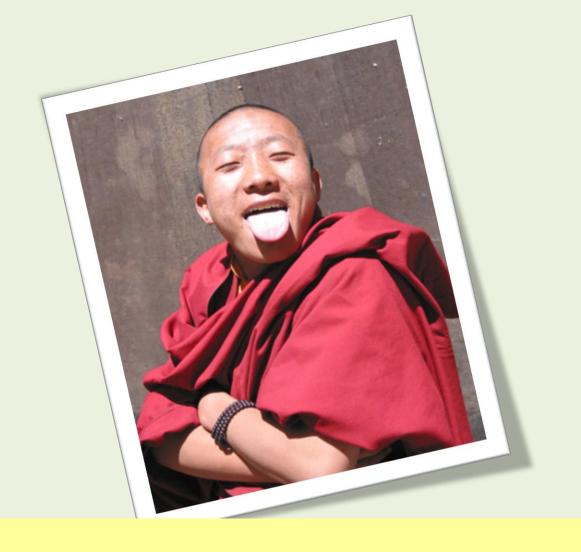
In New Zealand

Maori



Maori people press their noses together when they greet each other.

In Tibet



People stick their tongue out at someone.

It shows you have no evil thoughts.

Game: Rock the Beat

Rules

- Follow the picture on the screen and do the action.
- >You need to follow the tempo.
- The group that has no mistake wins.

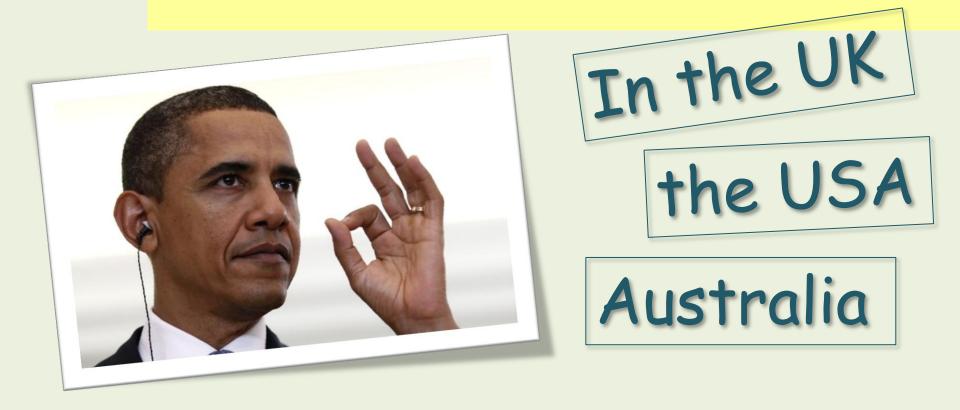




Gesture

To tell something without words.

This gesture means "okay."



But it is rude in Brazil.

This gesture means number 2 in Germany.





It means 8.

What does it mean in Taiwan?

This gesture means "come here".



But it is quite rude in the Philippines.

V-sign is really rude.



What does it mean in your country?

This gesture means "rock on."



In the USA

But

In Spain, it tells a man that his wife is cheating on him.

To cross one's fingers is to wish for good luck.





But it is rude in Vietnam.



Oh my god! Do not do that in my country.

Think and Guess

Here are some taboos in different countries.

Have you heard any of them?

Discuss in groups and choose a country.

Do not pass your food from chopsticks to chopsticks.



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- b. In Russia
- c. In Japan
- d. In France

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Do not give clocks and shoes as gifts.





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- b. In the USA
- c. In France
- d. In Australia

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- d. In Australia

Do not touch anyone's head.



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- b. In Thailand
- c. In France
- d. In the UK

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Do not chew gum in public.



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- b. In Spain
- c. In Singapore
- d. In China

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Do not show the v-sign to others.



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- c. In the UK
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People are not allowed to eat pork.



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What did we learn today?

Manners in each country are so different.

Next time, if you want to go abroad, you should check the etiquette and the taboos in the country before you go there.

