

A Homeless Guy and His Golden Radio Voice

Let's Prepare

A. Personal stories can help make a good first impression. Look at these topics.

Success: a childhood accomplishment

Sadness: a personal tragedy

Comedy: a funny experience

Education: a learning accomplishment

Travel: a location visited

Culture: a cultural experience



Discuss these story topics with your partner. Which do you think will make the best first impression?

I think talking about travel will make a good first impression because...

B. Match the word with the definition.

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| 2. a broad highway designed for high-speed traffic | b. personality |
| 3. a person who gives information on television or radio | c. announcer |
| 4. a channel that broadcasts information over airwaves | d. development |
| 5. having no place to live | e. raise |
| 6. to bring up a person | f. radio station |
| 7. the qualities or characteristics of a person | g. homeless |
| 8. done on a radio or television broadcast | h. on-air |

Let's Watch

A. Watch the video. Put a check (✓) next to the speakers in the video.

- A female interviewer
 Ted Williams
 A male interviewer

B. Watch again. Look at the topics below. Write three details related to each topic.

His Personal Tragedy	Developing His Golden Voice
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

C. Watch again. What do you think Ted should do to change his life? Discuss with a partner.

Reading

- A. Do you think it is important to understand the differences in saying hello in other countries or cultures? Why or why not? Share your opinion with your partner.**
- B. Read the following passage.**

The Body Language of Hello

When you think about saying hello to someone, what comes to mind? A bow, a handshake? What do you do? Did you know that different cultures have different ways of greeting one another? For example, in the United States it is common for people to shake hands. In Maori culture, people press their foreheads together in greeting. In central Europe, it is common for friends to kiss each other on the cheek as a sign of welcome. The difference in greetings between cultures is striking. However, is something as simple as saying hello really that different all over the world?

According to Desmond Morris, a renowned expert on body language, the answer is no. It doesn't matter where you happen to be in the world, greetings follow three steps. The first is *showing recognition*. When greeting someone, you raise your eyebrows quickly, tilt your head back slightly, and smile to show that you know the person. The second is the *hail*, where the hand is lifted toward the person you are greeting. The final step is the *embrace*, where the two people touch in some way. While the style of embrace may change depending on the culture, the other two elements are universal. If you are traveling, be sure to ask about the appropriate embrace to the culture you are visiting.

So remember, when saying hello to someone from another culture trust your instincts. When you are not sure exactly how what to do don't be afraid to ask; there may well be a difference depending on where you are visiting.

- C. Read again. Complete the chart with details from the reading.**

Greetings and Introductions

Culture	Common Features of a Greeting
United States	_____
Maori Culture	_____
Eastern Europe	_____

Writing

In a personal introduction, it can help to capture the attention of the audience when you reveal one or two amazing facts from your personal history. Write a personal introduction that reveals an amazing fact or an interesting story from your personal history to help grab the attention of your audience.

Tasks Together

Changing an Impression

A. A first impression can be hard to change. With some good advice and a positive effort it is possible to help people change their first impression. Think about how you could change a bad first impression.

This is your friend Tom. He made a horrible first impression at his new job. Work with your team to give him advice that will improve the impression his coworkers have.

B. Present your advice for Tom to your classmates. How does your advice for Tom compare to your classmates?

What Happened	The Impression	Advice
Tom did not say hello to his coworkers.	Tom is rude.	<i>Bring in some coffee. Hand out coffee and say hello.</i>
Tom was late for work on the first day.	Tom is lazy.	_____ _____
Tom wore a nice suit on his first day of work.	Tom dresses well.	_____ _____
Tom had a fingertip handshake.	Tom is weak.	_____ _____
Tom was very nervous when he was talking.	Tom is afraid of working.	_____ _____
Tom could not explain his work philosophy.	Tom doesn't understand his job.	_____ _____

C. Role-play with a partner. One student is Tom. Give him advice.

Tom: I made a bad first impression at work today.

B: Really, what happened?

Tom: I didn't say hi to my coworkers.

B: Tomorrow bring some coffee for your coworkers. Let them know you are friendly.

Tom: That's great advice!

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alcohol, drugs	When 14 years old met a radio guy.
trying to find a job	He went to school to develop it.

C. Watch again. What do you think Ted should do to change his life? Discuss with a partner.