



## Meeting people and meeting people again questions

*Choose some questions from below that are suitable to ask your teacher, depending on how well you know them:*

- How was your week?/ Did you have a good week?/ Been busy?
- What (exactly) do you do?/ Who do you work for?/ What does your company do?
- Could I ask your name?
- Sorry, what was your name again?
- Terrible weather, isn't it?
- How's your family/ girlfriend/ boyfriend?
- How's your love life?
- Do you have any plans for the weekend?
- Do you come here often?
- How long have you been coming here?
- May I introduce myself? ...
- What are you working on/ studying at the moment?
- Did you get much done this week?
- Did you see/ hear about...?
- Did you have any trouble getting here?
- Is it going to rain/ snow (do you think)?/ Did you hear the weather forecast (for today/ tonight/ this weekend)?
- Are you married?/ Do you have any children?
- Is there anywhere good to eat around here?
- Do you mind if I ask how old you are?
- How are you (today)?
- How are you feeling?

*Do the same with your partner, again thinking carefully about how well you know them.*

*With your partner, discuss which questions above are particularly suitable for and unsuitable for:*

- strangers
- acquaintances
- colleagues
- other colleagues
- close friends



What other questions and phrases can we use when we meet people for the first time and meet people again (e.g. "It's so nice to see you again")? Brainstorm them into the boxes below.

Meeting people for the first time	Meeting people again

Listen to your teacher reading out such phrases and hold up a card showing whether you think they are suitable the first time you meet ("First time") or when you meet someone who you already know ("Again").

Listen again and write the phrases down in one of the two boxes above.

How often do you need to speak English when you meet people? Which of the questions and phrases are most useful for you, do you think?

How much is language for meeting people something that you need to study and practice? Are there are kinds of functional language which are more important for you?