

## World Cultures International Party

I am William, an engineer, age 21, male from England.	<i>Body language</i>
I greet men and women by shaking hands.	“Come here” - palm up, hand moves toward body
I like to talk about sport or travel.	“I don’t know.” - I lift my shoulders up.
I don’t want to talk about politics, my job, gossip and money.	“It’s a secret.” - I tap my nose.

I am Naomi, a housewife, age 43, female from Saudi Arabia.	I must not show my legs in public.
I greet women by kissing them on both cheeks.	I do not talk to any men in public.
I like to talk about food and cooking.	If someone admires my belongings, I give it to them.
I don’t like to talk about politics or religion.	

I am Mohammed, a doctor, age 33, male from Saudi Arabia.	I talk loudly.
I greet men by shaking hands and kissing them on both cheeks.	I do not like to talk about religion.
I show friendship to other men by holding hands.	If someone admires my belongings, I give it to them.
I like to stand very close to fellow men.	Photographs of women are rude.

I am Natasha, a doctor, age 33, female from Bulgaria.	<i>Body language</i>
I greet men and women by shaking hands.	“Yes.” - I nod my head horizontally.
I like to talk about history, music and sport.	“No.” - I nod my head vertically.
I don’t like to talk about politics or social conditions in Bulgaria.	

I am Sylvia, a student, age 18, female from Puerto Rico.	I like to talk about music and movies.
I greet men by shaking hands.	I can’t stand pushy people.
Sometimes, I may hold shoulders and kiss women on the cheek.	<i>Body language</i>
It is rude not to stand close when talking.	“What’s happening?” - I wiggle my nose.

I am Rashad, a software Engineer, age 24, male from India.	<i>Body language</i>
I greet men by shaking hands.	“I’m sorry.” - I hold my ears.
I greet women by placing my hands together and bowing slightly.	“Come here.” - I lift my chin up.
I like to talk about science, cultural traditions, and foreign countries.	I point to something by using my chin.

I am Stamos, a pilot, age 57, male from Greece.	<i>Body language</i>
I greet men and women by shaking hands, hugging or kissing.	“Yes.” - I nod my head horizontally.
I like to talk about art and history.	“No.” - I nod my head vertically.
I don’t like to talk about the politics of Greece.	It is very rude to wave hands.

I am Belinda, a photographer, age 34, female from Brazil.	I don’t like to talk about Argentina.
I greet men by shaking hands.	<i>Body language</i>
I greet women by placing our cheeks together and kissing the air.	“Wow!” - hold my ear lobe
I like to talk about my children, football, and music.	It is very rude to make an “okay” fingers circle sign.

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I am Gerry, a farmer, age 40, male from Australia.	I like informal chat, and call everyone “mate”.
I greet men and women by shaking hands firmly.	<i>Body language</i>
I like to talk about rugby, tennis and cricket.	“Okay.” - make a finger circle sign
I don’t like to talk about politics.	It is rude to give a thumbs up sign.

I am Ellen, a journalist, age 29, female from America.	I like to make eye contact when I talk.
I greet men and women by shaking hands.	<i>Body language</i>
I like to talk about my family and American culture.	“Okay.” - I make a finger circle sign.
It is natural to show my emotions.	“Good.” - I make a thumbs up sign.

I am Jean Paul, a writer, age 55, male from France.	I like to argue.
I greet people by shaking hands lightly, or kissing on both cheeks.	<i>Body language</i>
I like to talk about food and wine.	“I don’t know.” - I lift my shoulders up.
I don’t like to talk about money, or answer personal questions.	“Excellent!” - I kiss my fingertips.

I am Keiko, a dentist, age 31, female from Japan.	I don’t like to make eye contact for very long.
I greet people by bowing.	I don’t like any kind of body contact.
I like to talk about shopping.	<i>Body language</i>
I don’t like to display photographs of my family in my house.	“Come here” - My palm is face downwards.

I am Emily, a housewife, age 40, female from England.	<i>Body language</i>
I greet men and women by shaking hands.	“Come here” - palm up, hand moves toward body
I like to talk about food, shopping and travel.	“I don’t know.” - I lift my shoulders up.
I don’t want to talk about politics, or money.	“It’s a secret.” - I tap my nose.

I am Matt, a builder, age 43, male from America.	I think it is friendly to wink at strangers.
I greet men and women by shaking hands.	<i>Body language</i>
I like to talk about baseball and basketball.	“Okay.” - I make a finger circle sign.
It is natural to show my emotions.	“Good.” - I make a thumbs up sign.

I am Rin, a singer, age 20, female from Taiwan.	I show great respect for older people.
I greet men and women with a slight bow of the head.	It’s okay to hold hands with people of the same sex.
I like to talk about food and movies.	<i>Body language</i>
I don’t like to talk about mainland China or politics.	Winking is considered very rude.

I am Paolo, a waiter, age 23, male from Italy.	I am very physical, and love touching.
I greet men and women with handshakes or hugs.	<i>Body language</i>
I like to talk about soccer, my family, and local news.	“That’s great!” - I screw index finger in my cheek.
I don’t like to talk about politics.	“No.” - I raise my chin. (Southern Italy only)

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I am Helga, a female student, age 19, from Germany.	I do not enjoy casual conversation.
I greet men and women by shaking hands.	<i>Body language</i>
I like to talk about the countryside, hobbies and sport.	It is rude to make an “okay” fingers circle sign.
I don’t like to talk about baseball or basketball.	“Come here.” - I raise my chin.

I am Chatichai, a businessman, age 54, from Thailand.	People of the opposite sex do not touch each other.
I greet people by holding my palms together and bowing.	<i>Body language</i>
I like to talk about food, gambling, and soccer.	It is rude to touch a person’s head.
I do not like to talk about religion or the royal family.	It is very rude to show the soles of my feet.

I am Vladimir, a male politician, age 27, from Russia.	I rarely smile in public.
I greet people by shaking hands and calling out my name.	If I see litter on the floor, I pick it up.
I like to talk about politics and Russia.	<i>Body language</i>
I do not like to talk about sports, but I like chess.	It is rude to make an “okay” fingers circle sign.

I am Raul, a male soccer player, age 28, from Spain.	I do not like to talk about religion, job, or family.
I greet male friends by hugging them.	<i>Body language</i>
I greet women by kissing them on the cheek.	“Come here” - The palm is face downwards.
I like to talk about soccer and politics.	“She’s pretty.” - I stroke my chin.

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*Do you know these words?*

bow  
chin  
ear lobe  
foot soles

horizontally  
palm  
politics  
rude

slightly  
vertically  
wiggle  
wink

*Introduce yourself. Talk about your interests and culture.*

*Write down one interesting thing about the person or the culture of the people that you meet.*

Name	Sex	Country	Comment
Belinda	F	Brazil	
Chatichai	M	Thailand	
Ellen	F	America	
Emily	F	England	
Gerry	M	Australia	
Helga	F	Germany	
Jean Paul	M	France	
Keiko	F	Japan	
Matt	M	America	
Mohammed	M	Saudi Arabia	
Naomi	F	Saudi Arabia	
Natasha	F	Bulgaria	
Paolo	M	Italy	
Rashad	M	India	
Raul	M	Spain	
Rin	F	Taiwan	
Stamos	M	Greece	
Sylvia	F	Puerto Rico	
Vladimir	M	Russia	
William	M	England	