

Culture 1: Casual Greetings & Shaking Hands

(文化一：挨拶と握手)

PART 1: Casual Greetings (気軽な挨拶)



中学では、丁寧な挨拶を習っただろう。初めて会う人に使う挨拶である。しかし、友達になると砕けた挨拶をする。それを気軽な挨拶という。

In junior high school, you learned formal English greetings. These are greetings you use when you talk to someone for the first time. But when you become friends with someone, you use less formal greetings. We call these casual greetings.



<u>Formal Greeting</u> A: Hi, how are you? B: Fine, thank you. And you?	<u>Casual Greeting 1</u> A: What's up? B: Not much.	<u>Casual Greeting 2</u> A: How ya doin'? B: Not bad.	<u>Casual Greeting 3</u> A: How's it goin'? B: Not bad.
<u>Formal Goodbye</u> Goodbye.	<u>Casual Goodbye 1</u> Bye.	<u>Casual Goodbye 2</u> See ya later.	<u>Casual Goodbye 3</u> See ya.
<p>▶ See you again. → See you again next (time / week / Monday). (時)</p>			

PART 2: Shaking Hands (握手)

英語圏と西洋の国々では、人々は挨拶をする際に握手することになっている。昔、人々は手に武器を隠していた。だから、隠した武器やその意図がないことを示すために握手する習慣が生まれた。握手のやり方を習おう！覚えるべき重要なポイントが二つ。まず、誰かと握手する時、優しくしっかりと握らなければならない。これは「firm handshake」という。二点目は挨拶する時には相手の目を見なければならない。これも隠す意図がないことを示すだろう。西洋人に挨拶する時は頑張ってやってみてください！



In English-speaking and Western countries, people shake hands when they greet each other. In the past, people would hide weapons in their hands. Therefore, the custom of shaking hands became a way to prove that you didn't have a hidden weapon or hidden intentions. Let's learn how to shake hands! There are two important points to remember. First, when you shake someone's hand, you must gently squeeze their hand.

This is called a firm handshake. People have

respect for a firm handshake. The second point to remember is that you should look in the other person's eyes when you say hello to them. This shows that you have nothing to hide. Please try your best when you greet a Westerner.