

greetings and introductions

<p>Learn with television</p> <p>Talk French: Programme 1 Find out about the crucial role of la bise – the kiss on the cheek – in formal and friendly greetings, and learn how to introduce yourself and your friends.</p> <p>Talk French is repeated regularly on BBC Learning Zone (BBC Two). Check out the details on www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone and video the programmes to watch at your leisure.</p>	<p>Learn online www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french</p> <p>French Steps Stage 1: Taking a taxi Watch as Hakim M'Barek gets a taxi and listen to how he's greeted. Then go to <i>Build sentences</i> and find out more about French greetings.</p> <p>Talk French: Greetings Watch people of all ages meeting up and get familiar with the differences in the way they greet each other. Have a go at the online activities then pull it all together.</p>
<p>Learning hint</p> <p>Open a magazine at random and use the pictures to practise French greetings – you can usually tell from the background and the way people are dressed what time of day it is. Don't confine yourself to greeting the people: practise asking how they are – be formal or informal depending on the picture – then introduce yourself and think of how they'd reply. You'll find it a help when you come to do it for real.</p>	
<p>Key language</p> <p>Bonjour Madame/Monsieur Hello (before sunset) Bonsoir Madame/Monsieur Hello, Good evening Comment allez-vous? How are you? (formal/plural) Je vais bien I'm fine (formal) (Comment) ça va? How are you? (informal) Ça va bien I'm fine (informal) Voici ... This is ... Je vous présente ... May I introduce ...? Enchanté(e) Pleased to meet you</p>	<p>Salut Hi Bienvenue Welcome Au revoir Goodbye Oui Yes Non No S'il vous plaît Please Merci Thank you</p>
<p>Quiz</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How would you greet an elderly woman neighbour at 6pm? The next morning, her husband's with her. Greet them and ask how they are. You hear someone say on his mobile Ça va bien merci – et toi? What do you think the question might have been? Which of these would be used by someone introducing a female friend? Je vous présente une amie; Je vous présente un ami. And what would you say in reply? What word do you use with bien to mean 'very well'? <p>Answers on www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/answers.shtml</p>	