

Meeting people roleplays

As you know your classmates already but will often use English with new people, we are going to practice meeting people. Work in groups of three and roleplay some of the situations below, extending each conversation as long as you can.

One person is a boss introducing a new recruit (the second person) to the other people in the office. The other person or people should take the parts of their new colleagues.

Ring the doorbell of your host family's house and introduce yourself.

Someone from the language school you are going to study at in London is waiting for you at arrivals in the airport.

Start talking to someone in a bar or club

Meet a foreign client at the airport

Meet a client in reception to take them on a tour of the office or factory

Start talking to the person or people next to you on the bus or train

Start a conversation with someone in a bus stop queue

Start a conversation with the person or people sitting next to you in a conference

Start a conversation with another guest at the wedding who you haven't met before

Start a conversation with a taxi driver

Start a conversation at a house party, e.g. a house warming

Meet your boyfriend's/ girlfriend's father and/ or mother.

How would you feel in each of the situations above? How would you prepare yourself?

You're going to listen to an interview with the parents of a university student called Sarah just before they meet her boyfriend Andy. What do you think the questions and answers will be?