

## greetings and introductions

<p><b>Learn with television</b></p> <p><b>Talk Spanish: Programme 1</b></p> <p>In Alcoi, where one of the most traditional Spanish <b>fiestas</b> is taking place, watch people greeting each other, and meet players from the Valencia football team.</p> <p>Talk Spanish is repeated regularly on BBC Learning Zone (BBC Two). Check out the details on <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone">www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone</a> and view the programmes to watch at your leisure.</p>	<p><b>Learn online</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish">www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish</a></p> <p><b>Spanish Steps</b></p> <p><b>Stage 1: Taking a taxi ride:</b> Listen to Kevin Duala as he talks to a taxi driver in Madrid and, in <b>Stage 6: Saying what you do</b>, hear him introducing himself and asking someone what he does for a living. Then have a go at the activities to get properly familiar with Spanish greetings.</p> <p><b>Talk Spanish: Say hello ¡Hola!</b></p> <p>Watch Spanish people greeting each other in this lively video clip and try some of the interactive quizzes.</p>
<p><b>Learning hint</b></p> <p>Open a magazine at random and use the pictures to practise Spanish 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 them: practise asking how they are – be formal or informal depending on the picture – then introduce yourself and think of how they would reply. You'll find it a help when you come to do it for real.</p>	
<p><b>Key language</b></p> <p><b>Hola</b> Hello/Hi</p> <p><b>Buenos días</b> Good morning</p> <p><b>Buenas tardes</b> Good afternoon/good evening</p> <p><b>Buenas noches</b> Good evening/good night</p> <p><b>¿Qué tal?/¿Cómo estás?</b> How are you? (informal)</p> <p><b>¿Cómo está (usted)?</b> How are you (formal)</p> <p><b>Muy bien, gracias</b> Very well, thank you</p> <p><b>¿y tú/usted?</b> and you? (informal/formal)</p>	<p><b>Me llamo ...</b> My name is ...</p> <p><b>Soy ...</b> I am ...</p> <p><b>¿Es usted...?</b> Are you...? (formal)</p> <p><b>Éste/ésta es...</b> This is...</p> <p><b>Mucho gusto</b> Pleased to meet you</p> <p><b>Encantado/Encantada</b> Pleased to meet you</p> <p><b>Igualmente</b> Likewise</p> <p><b>Adiós</b> Good bye</p> <p><b>Hasta luego</b> See you later</p>
<p><b>Quiz</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Would a man or a woman say <b>Encantada</b>?</li> <li>2. You hear someone on his mobile phone saying <b>Muy bien gracias, ¿y usted?</b> What do you think the question was?</li> <li>3. Roberto introduces his wife to you: _____ <b>es mi mujer</b>. Is the missing word <b>Ésta</b> or <b>Éste</b>?</li> <li>4. How would you greet a close friend?</li> <li>5. Your friend says <b>¿Qué tal?</b> Answer in a positive way and ask how s/he is.</li> <li>6. Which greeting do you use at 9.30 pm?</li> </ol> <p>Answers on <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/answers.shtml">www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/answers.shtml</a></p>	