

Hello? Hello!

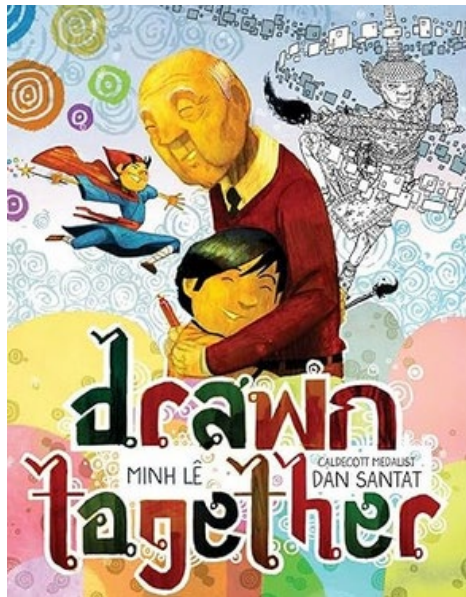
Instructors: Don't forget to make an Achievery account for each student! [Make your account for the Achievery in English](#) or [Make your Account for the Achievery in Spanish](#).

Objective: By the end of this lesson, your students should have some familiarity with common terminology related to greetings and small talk conversations.

Grade Span: OSY

Subjects: ESL, Greetings, and Small Talk

Why study this? Greetings are the foundation of social interactions.



They serve as the first impression we make on others and set the tone for further communication. Whether it's a simple “hello” or a warm handshake, greetings play a crucial role in building strong relationships.

Teacher Tip: Build reading, writing, listening, and speaking opportunities into every lesson. OSY students often benefit from being offered reading, writing, listening, and speaking challenges, and work at the equivalent of the last grade level they were in. They may have surpassed this level since then, but it's a good place to start.

Lesson Intro: Watch this! Begin the discussion about meeting new people, family relationships, and language barriers (and build background knowledge) by watching [a read-aloud](#) of *Drawn Together*.

Lesson: Start with the [Personal Information and Common English Phrases](#) lessons in English in Minutes Book One.

Extensions: Expand the lesson and add depth with resources such as the following.

Many of our students say they want to practice their conversation skills. You can use these [Top 5 Small talk ESL activities](#) to help them do just that and to work on speaking more fluently at the same time.



**Top 5 Small
talk ESL activities**
Teaching ESL with Jackie

Explore the [Personal Information](#), [Family Members](#), and [Leisure Activities](#) pages of the [Interactive Picture Dictionary](#). Students can also use others, depending on their interests.

Striking up (=starting) conversations and keeping them going is important to good communication. Have students practice with [Basic English "Introductions"](#) from Randall's Listening Lab. Learning how to say hello (starting a conversation) and ending a conversation smoothly are very important to making friends. Students can practice with the [Conversation Starters](#) activities.

Have students practice their small talk skills with the Achievery lesson [Pick Your Pitch](#) (Gr 9-12). "Can you tell me about yourself?" People will ask this question throughout their life: at interviews, at family parties, in personal essays... But how should they answer it? In this lesson, students craft their answers and practice using it in a mock interview setting.

Help students unleash their inner child with activities from [23 ESL Speaking Activities for Adults: Free Their Inner Kids](#).

Use some activities and ideas from [Small Talk Ideas: ESL Games and Activities](#) such as Find Something in Common, Small Talk Tic-Tac-Toe, Role-Playing, and Speed Networking.

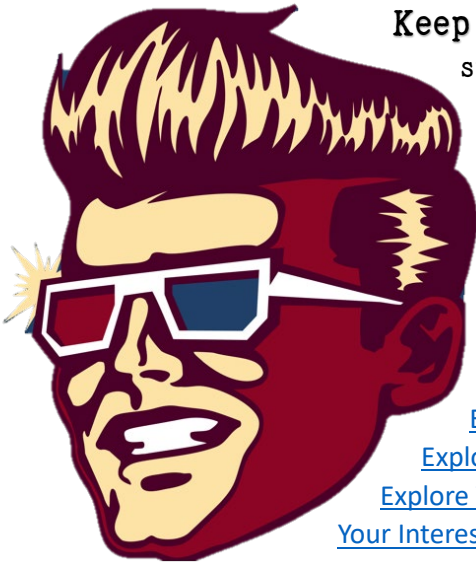
Have students practice introducing themselves and others with the [Meeting People](#) activity.



Keep it going! Build on this lesson with additional resources, such as:

Small talk is always more exciting when you have interesting things to talk about. Have students complete the Achievery Lesson [Find Your Interests](#) (Gr 6-12). "Do what you love" sounds like expert advice...but how do you figure out what you love?

Then have students learn more about themselves as they explore their interests with the "Explore Your Interests" lesson series from Achievery (Gr 6-12). [Explore Your Interests: Food](#), [Explore Your Interests: Animals](#), [Explore Your Interests: Music](#), [Explore Your Interests: Public Service](#), [Explore Your Interests: Movies](#), [Explore Your Interests: Being Outdoors](#), [Explore Your Interests: Sustainability](#), [Explore Your Interests: The Ocean](#), [Explore Your Interests: Theater](#), and [Explore Your Interests: Gaming](#).



Explore [The Value of Tact](#) (Gr 4-5): When communicating with others, both online and off, it is important to choose our words wisely. Learn how the value of tact can help you communicate thoughtfully and truthfully.

Before you can create change, you need to dream about it. In the [In My World](#) lesson (Gr 6-8), students envision a better world through writing, using precise words and telling details to convey a world they wish to live in.