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Socializing in Economic & Business Contexts

1. Greetings (Formal & Informal)

A. Formal Greetings

Used in professional, academic, and business situations.

- **Good morning / Good afternoon / Good evening.**
- **How do you do?**
- **It's a pleasure to meet you.**
- **Nice to meet you.**
- **How are you today?**

B. Informal Greetings

Used with classmates, colleagues your age, and friends.

- **Hi! / Hello!**
- **Hey!**
- **What's up?**
- **How's everything?**
- **How are you doing?**

Rule:

Use **formal greetings** for professors, employers, investors, business partners.

Use **informal greetings** for classmates or people you know well.

2. Introductions

A. Introducing Yourself

Useful expressions for economic/business settings:

- **My name is ...**
- **I'm an economics student.**
- **I specialize in ...** (e.g., finance, macroeconomics)
- **I'm in my second/third year.**
- **I study at ...**
- **I work as an intern in ...**

B. Introducing Someone Else

- **This is my classmate/colleague ...**
- **May I introduce you to ... ?**
- **Have you met ... ?**

Rules:

- Use **present simple** to give your basic information:
I study economics.
 - After your name, add **one key fact** (field, year, position).
 - When meeting someone for the first time, say:
“Nice to meet you.”
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3. Small Talk in Economic & Business Settings

Useful Questions

- Where are you from?
- What do you study / What do you do?
- What is your area of interest?
- Do you work in the economic field?
- Is this your first time at this event/conference?

Useful Answers

- I'm from ...
- I'm interested in global markets / finance / trade.
- I work in the banking sector.
- I'm here to learn more about market trends.

Rule:

Small talk should be **short, polite, and relevant**, especially in professional events.

4. Goodbyes (Formal & Informal)

A. Formal Goodbyes

- It was a pleasure meeting you.
- I look forward to seeing you again.
- Have a nice day.
- Goodbye.

B. Informal Goodbyes

- See you!
- See you later!
- Take care!
- Bye!

Rule:

Use **formal goodbyes** in conferences, interviews, business networking.
Use **informal** ones with friends and classmates.

5. Full Example Models

A. Greeting + Introduction

“Good morning. My name is Lina, and I’m an economics student specializing in international finance.”

B. Introducing Someone Else

“This is my colleague Karim. He studies market analysis.”

C. Ending a Conversation

“It was great talking to you. I hope we stay in touch.”

6. Quick Practice

1. Give one formal greeting.
2. Give one informal greeting.
3. Introduce yourself in one sentence.
4. Introduce someone else in one sentence.
5. Give one formal goodbye and one informal goodbye.