

English	Arabic	Amharic	Pashto	Dari
Hi/ Hello	<a href="#">Marhaba</a>	<a href="#">selam</a>	<a href="#">Salam</a>	<a href="#">Salam</a>
Thank you	<a href="#">Shukran</a>	<a href="#">meseginalehu</a>	<a href="#">Manana</a>	<a href="#">Tashakor</a>
Greeting behavior	Depending on region, some Arabic speakers (ex. Syrians) give 3 cheek "air" kisses (women only), and with men a handshake (sometimes men only). You can also place your right hand on your heart as you say hello.	Ethiopians/Eritreans appreciate warm greetings, handshakes, positive body language (smile or showing a sign of happiness). There are cross-gender warm greetings when people know each other or are trying to show deep appreciation (similar to U.S.).	When meeting someone, the handshake is the most common form of greeting, or place your right hand over your heart as you say hello. Cross-gender should remain a handshake offered only, or simple hand over heart, but women who know one another well might greet more warmly. Continued under "Dari".	Use your right hand or both hands together to gesture or offer anything. The left hand is used for cleaning and hygiene purposes and should not be used to gesture or touch things (e.g. food/people). In Afghanistan, one should not touch people of the opposite gender unless they are very close family or friends. Continued under "Pashto".

**When you're unsure, use the less-invasive greeting option, and then ask them how they greet in their culture. It can be a fun conversation to tell them how your family (and extended family) greet in their various cultures, too.**