

How to greet someone you haven't seen for ages

Learn some phrases for talking with someone you haven't seen in a long time.

Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the task. You can read the transcript at any time.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–f) with the vocabulary (1–6).

Vocabulary

1. the works
2. No way!
3. to keep in touch
4. in ages / for ages
5. to catch up
6. mustn't grumble

Definitions

- a. for a very long time
- b. life is not bad and you have nothing to complain about
- c. no (with emphasis)
- d. everything that you could want
- e. to talk so you can learn what has happened
- f. to continue speaking or writing to someone

Task 1

Put the words and phrases in order to make sentences.

1. you again! Great see to
2. well! looking really You're
3. been 've What to? up you
4. in Still coffee shop? that working
5. about How you?
6. a long time No! Stopped ago! that
7. for Good you!
8. sometime! We for should a drink get together

Discussion

What do you say when you are in a similar situation?

Transcript

Woman: Hey! Hello there! Haven't seen you in ages!

Man: Oh ... all right, yeah.

Woman: Great to see you again! You're looking really well!

Man: Oh! You think so? Thanks ...

Woman: So, how are you?

Man: Well, you know, mustn't grumble.

Woman: What've you been up to? Still working in that coffee shop?

Man: Yeah ... same one ...

Woman: Still trying to be an actor?

Man: Well, yeah, you know ...

Woman: So Hollywood hasn't called then yet?

Man: Not yet ...

Woman: Still living in ... that ... er ... little flat?

Man: Yeah. Same one.

Woman: Well, great.

Man: How about you? You still ... er ... working in the fast-food place?

Woman: No! Stopped that a long time ago! I'm working in the city now. Financial industries!

Man: Oh. Great. Are you still sharing that house with all those other people?

Woman: No way! I bought a big house with ... four bedrooms and a garden ... the works.

Man: Hmm ... good for you.

Woman: Listen! We should get together for a drink sometime! Catch up!

Man: Yeah, I'd love to.

Woman: Let's do it! Keep in touch, yeah?

Answers

Preparation task

1. d
2. c
3. f
4. a
5. e
6. b

Task 1

1. Great to see you again!
2. You're looking really well!
3. What've you been up to?
4. Still working in that coffee shop?
5. How about you?
6. No! Stopped that a long time ago!
7. Good for you!
8. We should get together for a drink sometime!