



Unit 1 Greeting

Lesson 1 "Same old, same old."

Goal: to greet an old friend



Get Yourself Ready

Peter sees one of his close friends, Mike, in the park.
They haven't seen each other for a while.

Guess:

How would Peter start a
conversation with Mike?



Let's See What's Happening

Peter: Hey, man. Long time no see. What's up?

Mike: Hey, Peter. Well, same old, same old. How are you doing, then?

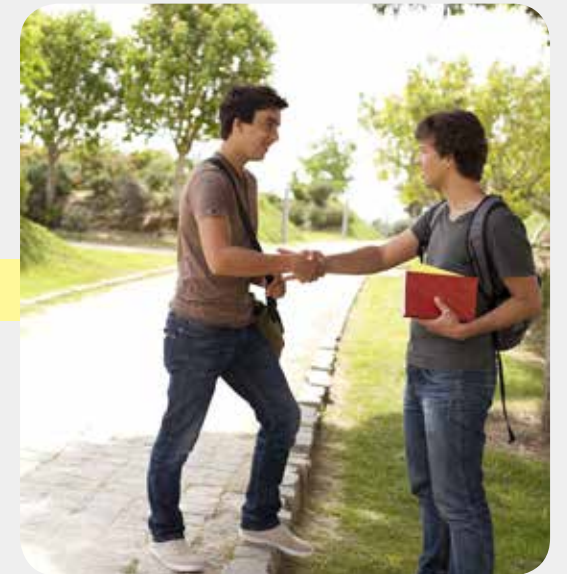
Peter: Well, I'm a little **under the weather** right now. I have **an awful lot of** work at the office, too, but I'm coping.

Mike: I'm sorry to hear that, man. I hope your situation at work improves and you'll have the chance to take a break.

Peter: Yes, I would like a break, especially while the weather is so nice. I can't remember the last time we've had this much sun. Well, I must be on my way, but it was great seeing you.

Mike: **Likewise.** Take care.

Peter: I will. Thanks.



? What is Peter's problem?



Speak It Up

Tick (✓) the correct meanings of the following sentences on the left.

1. Same old, same old.

Quite good.

Nothing has changed.

2. He's a little **under the weather**.

He's not feeling well.

He doesn't like this season.

3. I'm coping.

I don't mind.

I can deal with it.

4. I must be on my way.

I have to go now.

I'm going to do it.

5. She has **an awful lot of** work to do.

She has a great amount of work to do.

She doesn't like her job.

6. **Likewise**.

Thank you.

You too.

Use It Now

Complete the conversations and act them out with your teacher.

1 **Mary:** Hi, Alison. How's your work?

Alison: [redacted]. You know I always have [redacted] emails to reply.

2 **Ross:** Sorry, Anna. [redacted], but it was really nice seeing you.

Anna: [redacted].

3 **Lily:** Hey, Jeff. You're not looking well today.

Jeff: Aren't I? Well, I'm just a little [redacted].
Don't worry.

Lily: Are you sure?

Jeff: Yes, [redacted]. Thanks for asking.

Hints

- Same old, same old
- under the weather
- I'm coping
- an awful lot of
- I must be on my way
- Likewise



Act It Out

Choose a role and act the scene out with your teacher according to the setting.

At the local supermarket, Jason sees one of his schoolmates, Suzy.

Jason



Suzy



They might be useful:

Same old, same old.
under the weather
I'm coping.
an awful lot of
I must be on my way.
Likewise.

Did You Know ...

Here is something interesting for you to read after class.

“Long time no see”

“Long time no see” was first found in William F. Drannan's *Thirty-One Years on the Plains and in the Mountains*, in which a Native American man greeted the narrator by saying, "Good morning. **Long time no see you.**" Therefore, some people believe it was first used by people speaking American Indian Pidgin English.

However, there is another theory saying “long time no see” was originally used by people speaking Chinese Pidgin English and was brought back to the UK by the British Navy.

The third theory claims that “long time no see” was first used in the Arabic language.

Though no one knows the exact origin of “long time no see”, it has become a popular part of the English language.

“好久不见”

“Long time no see” 在书籍中的首秀要追溯到 1900 年 William F. Drannan 的《翻山越岭卅一年》。书中记载，一天一位印第安人对作者说道：“早啊，好久不见你”，所以人们觉得这句话是“印第安式”英语。

另一种说法是，“long time no see”源自中式英语，英国海军把这句话带回到英国，并流传开来。

第三种说法把“long time no see”的发明权归于阿拉伯人，认为这句话其实源于阿拉伯语。

虽然“long time no see”的真正起源已不可考，但这句话已经成为了英文的一部分。

