

## How to greet someone you haven't seen for ages

### Tasks

#### Instructions

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercise. You can also read the transcript.

#### Preparation task

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

<b>Vocabulary</b>	<b>Definition</b>
1. .... mustn't grumble	a. The same as saying 'haven't seen you for a very long time', as 'ages' here means 'a very long time'
2. .... No way!	b. An informal expression (UK) that you can use to say that your life is not bad and you have nothing to complain about
3. .... haven't seen you in ages	c. This means that something is impossible – an emphatic 'no'
4. .... catch up	d. (informal) This refers to everything that one might want in a situation
5. .... keep in touch	e. To discuss the latest news
6. .... the works	f. Continue to keep in contact or communication with somebody

#### Task 1

Write a number (1–6) to put the parts of the conversation in order.

- ..... The woman asks where the man is living.
- ..... The woman suggests meeting for a drink.
- ..... The woman asks about the man in general.
- ..... The man asks where the woman is living.
- ..... The man asks about the woman's job.
- ..... The woman asks about the man's job.

#### Discussion

How often do you catch up with your friends? What do you like to talk about?

## 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 in 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 there ... 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 then!

## Answers

### Preparation

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

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5. The man asks where the woman is living.
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