



» GAME « GREETINGS FROM THE WORLD »

INSTALLATION









 **Public:** All numbers, all ages

 **Objectives :** Reflection on cultural differences / Building a group dynamic / Game to get to know each other

 **Material :** Make copies of the greetings (below) to cut out. Place the pieces of paper in a hat

RUNNING

Ask participants to pull out a piece of paper, mingle in the center of the room, and then greet each other by name and mime the gesture described.

-  Greet the person by hugging and kissing them twice on the cheeks.
-  Greet the person by hugging them and kissing them three times on the cheeks.
-  Greet the person by hugging them and kissing them four times on the cheeks.
-  Greet the person by joining your hands together as a prayer and bowing.
-  Greet the person by rubbing each other's nose.
-  Greet the person warmly with a big hug.
-  Greet the person with a firm handshake.
-  Greet the person from a distance of 50 cm with a very gentle handshake.



Tips for the Facilitator:

This is a very fun icebreaker for a group of participants who do not know each other. We want to emphasize that this is not about reinforcing stereotypes.

A brief, ongoing discussion about the participants' reactions should counteract this tendency and introduced the following activity.

You can ask them:

- 🔥 Can you guess which countries these greetings come from?
- 🔥 To what extent are they stereotypes? Do all Germans greet with a firm handshake?
- 🔥 Which greetings do you feel comfortable/uncomfortable with?
- 🔥 Have you ever felt embarrassed when someone in another country greeted you warmly and tried to kiss you three times and you awkwardly backed away before they finished because you didn't know the social code?

Note: Players may ask you about the origin of these greetings. Ask them to guess.

ANALYSE

Continue the analysis on the aspect: knowledge of its cultural practices.

- 🔥 Why do we shake hands? (Sign of peace in the Middle Ages)
- 🔥 What do we ask with "how are you?" (In the saddle this morning).
- 🔥 Why is the Spanish greeting a hug with a pat on the back? (Location of the dagger on the shoulder).
- 🔥 Where does the expression "you're going to be called Arthur" come from (acht uhr, curfew during the war).
- 🔥 Inuit kiss, (the nose is the only "intimate" part of the body that sticks out).

We have a practice, and we don't know why, but it seems to us "logic" and natural. Those who do not have the same practices are not "illogical" or "weird" but have a different history and culture to discover!