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How to Make Friends
• Spend more time around people
• Join an organization or club with people who have common interests
• Join a sports team
• Volunteer
• Talk to people
• Make eye contact
• Start conversations
• Make small talk
M& M Activity

Making Friends and Living in America
• Introduce yourself
• Initiate a get-together
• Pursue common interests
• Ask them out for lunch or coffee
• Don't do anything to pressure someone into being friends with you
• Be loyal to a friend
• Be a good friend
• Be reliable
• Be a good listener
• Be trustworthy
• Choose your friends wisely
• Put emphasis on the good, unique qualities about yourself
• Encourage your friend
• Be confident
• Don't separate your friend from the rest of the group
• Keep in Contact
Cultural Clues to be aware of when making friends with Americans

• Non-Verbal Greetings
  – Hand Shakes
  – Wave
  – Nod
  – Man-Shake/Hug

• Verbal Greetings
  – “Hi, how are you?”
  – “Hey! What’s up?”
  – “What’s going on?”

• Popular Culture References
  – Movies
  – Music
  – Sports
Cultural Clues to be aware of when making friends with Americans

- Popular Culture References
  - Movies
  - Music
  - Sports
  - TV Shows

- Making “Small Talk”
  - Campus Events
  - Hobbies/Activities
  - What is going on in the news or in class
  - Share something about your home country
Cultural Clues to be aware of when making friends with Americans

• Popular Phrases and American Idioms
  - “Come on you are pulling my leg”
  - “Toot my own horn”
  - “Let the cat out of the bag”
  - “Cat got your tongue”
  - “Play it by ear”
  - “Get off my back”
  - “Spill the beans”
  - “Bite the dust”
Things that may surprise you in America

• Tipping
• Sales Tax
• Everything is so cold
• Lack of public transportation
• American system of measurement
• Shoes on inside the house
• Overt patriotism
• People talk about “Semi-Private” issues in public
From our current students

Things that may surprise you in America

- Americans are generally friendly
- Electronics are cheaper
- Diversity of culture
- Politeness
- Informality
- Customer Service
- Unlimited refills on drinks in many places
- Open mindedness
Putting it all together

• Your team leader has details in their envelope.
• You will need to work as a team to act out your scenario using the cultural clues provided.
• Each group will nominate their best actors to present in front of the entire group.
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