

Greetings

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Not bad. Were you up to anything [special] on the weekend?
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1. Are these formal or casual greetings? Why?
2. Look at the first dialogue. Who could you use this greeting with? a stranger? Your boss? A co-worker? A friend? Why or why not?
3. Look at the question in line 3 of each dialogue. Which form might be offensive to the listener? Why?
4. Which one is likely to be least offensive? Why?
5. Who could you use each form with? Why?
6. There are 2 different responses given to the questions asked: *Mostly just studying* and *I had to work on Saturday*. Which response is least direct? Why do you think the speaker used it?
7. The word *special* could be changed. What other words could you use?

Practise the first dialogue with your classmates. Try using some of these words or phrases:

since Monday
interesting
last weekend

exciting
on Tuesday
since I last saw you