Coursebook

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A1

Business Partner





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Introduction

Who ,., is Business Partner for?

- Business Partner A1 & A2 is for learners who have studied English before, at school or privately, but what they learnt has not been very useful for them in their job, or they simply don't remember much of it.
- Now they need to study business English in order to better communicate in a workplace that is increasingly international.
- To achieve this, they need to improve their knowledge of the English language but also develop key work skills.
- They need a course which is relevant to their professional needs.

Why ... a communicative methodology?

Students of *Business Partner* may be working in different industries, in different job positions and in different countries but they all have in common the need to communicate in English in an international workplace, in an effective manner.

The objective of the course is to equip students with the skills they need to use English effectively, without anxiety about their language ability.

Why ... work skills training?

Business Partner focuses on delivering practical language and skills training that learners need for successful communication when working with people from different countries, even if those learners begin the course with limited language ability.

In *Business Partner*, every unit has a video-based lesson on 'Work skills' to expose students to best-practice scenarios of various business situations that they can use as models.

The objective of this training is to give learners a better chance of getting a job, or of moving jobs in an organisation.



What's in each unit?

Each unit is divided into five lessons and each lesson starts with a Lesson outcome and ends with a short Self-assessment section: this is to help learners think about the progress that they have made.

Vocabulary and functional language

In order to meet the course objectives, the vocabulary and functional phrases in each unit focus on industries, jobs and job environments that are relevant to students to help them function in a variety of professional situations.

This vocabulary has been selected to answer learners' needs at work and may seem high level or technical compared to a general English course. It is, however, basic professional vocabulary that learners need to function in their jobs.

Grammar

Similarly, the approach to grammar is to help students acquire language to survive in these situations. The grammar content comes from the communicative needs of learners and is given in chunks, with a light approach to rules. The grammar reference section at the back of the book provides additional practice of grammar points and a recorded list of irregular verbs.

Listening and video

There are many listening activities to help develop comprehension skills and to hear language in context. All of the video and audio material is available in MyEnglishLab and includes a range of British, U.S. and non-native-speaker English, so that learners are exposed to a variety of accents, to reflect the reality of their working lives.

Learners will be able to watch and understand short authentic videos, which in turn they can use as a model for the group tasks.

Speaking

There are plenty of opportunities for speaking practice in relevant and engaging activities in each lesson. The objective is to make apprehensive students feel comfortable developing this essential skill for the workplace.

Writing

Learners at this level need to respond to emails and other functional pieces of writing. The lesssons provide a model for students to follow, grammar practice of the structures they need to use when writing and functional language stems to help them. The writing tasks allow freer practice of the target vocabulary and grammar, and offer elements of personalisation where possible.

Work skills

Through authentic videos, students are shown best-practice scenarios of different work situations. They then have the chance to study and practise the relevant functional language from each situation. Finally, students are encouraged to activate the skills and language they have learnt and practised by collaborating on group tasks.

Business workshops

Business workshops allow learners to focus mostly on speaking and writing, and offer a practical application and review of the content of the unit.

Pronunciation

Two pronunciation points are presented and practised in every unit, which are linked to the content of the units. The Pronunciation bank is at the back of the book with signposts from the relevant lessons. This section also includes a phonetic chart for British English and American English.

Reviews

There is a one-page review for each unit at the back of the coursebook. The review recycles and revises the key vocabulary, grammar and functional language presented in the unit.



Signposts, cross-references and MyEnglishLab

Signposts for teachers in each lesson indicate that there are extra activities in MyEnglishLab which can be printed or displayed on-screen. These activities can be used to extend a lesson or to focus in more depth on a particular section.



Cross-references refer to the Pronunciation bank and Grammar reference pages.

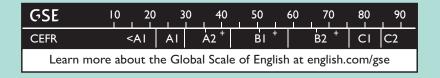
MyEnglishLab

Access to MyEnglishLab is given through a code printed on the inside front cover of this book. Depending on the version of the course that you are using, you will have access to one of the following options:

Digital Resources powered by MyEnglishLab including: downloadable coursebook resources, all video clips, all audio recordings.

Full content of MyEnglishLab: all of the above plus the full self-study interactive workbook with an automatic gradebook. Teachers can assign workbook activities as homework.

The **Global Scale of English (GSE)** is a standardised, granular scale from 10 to 90 which measures English language proficiency. The GSE Learning Objectives for Professional English are aligned with the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR). Unlike the CEFR, which describes proficiency in terms of broad levels, the Global Scale of English identifies what a learner can do at each point on a more granular scale — and within a CEFR level. The scale is designed to motivate learners by demonstrating incremental progress in their language ability. The Global Scale of English forms the backbone for Pearson English course material and assessment.





COMMUNICATION SKILLS Video introduction

Introduction The Work skills videos (in Lesson 4 of each unit) show people in situations at work.

Murray&Jahner is an international consumer goods company. They sell many products to the market and work with top brands. Yumiko Kobayashi is the Director at the London office. In the videos we see her and other employees at work: in meetings, presentations and day-to-day interactions.

Characters



Yumiko Kobayashi, Japanese (units 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8)



Krzysztof Grzeszak, Polish (units 1, 6)



Liz Rendell, American (units 1, 4)

Andrea Hofmann. German (units 2, 5, 8)



Jack Taylor, **British** (units 2, 5)



Martin Evans. British (units 3, 5, 6)



Emily Davies, British (unit 4)



Paulo Caruso, **Brazilian-British** (units 3, 5, 7)



Rachel Peters, British (units 3, 5, 8)

Video summary

1 Welcoming a visitor

Unit 1 video: Krzysztof arrives for a meeting with Yumiko in the office.

2 Small talk at work

Unit 2 video: Andrea meets Jack, a new employee.

3 A progress meeting

Unit 3 video: Yumiko asks for an update from her team.

4 There is a problem with ...

Unit 4 video: Liz shows her broken phone to a Customer Service Assistant.

5 Can you help me?

Unit 5 video: Employees ask for and offer help.

6 A presentation about office equipment

Unit 6 video: Krzysztof gives a presentation about printers to Yumiko and Martin.

Unit 7 video: Yumiko and Paulo talk about how to improve the onboarding process for new employees.

8 Feedback in the office

Unit 8 video: Yumiko gives feedback to Andrea and Rachel on their work.



1.1 Nice to meet you

Lesson outcome: Learners can introduce themselves and others and say where they are from.

Vocabulary: Countries and nationalities **Communicative grammar:** Introductions

Video: What's your name?

Task: Meeting others and making introductions

1.2 Can you fill this in, please?

Lesson outcome: Learners can complete a form giving personal details about themselves.

Vocabulary: Personal details

Reading and listening: Filling in forms

Speaking: Completing a new employee registration form

1.3 My company

Lesson outcome: Learners can describe their company and workplace.

Listening and reading: Buildings, departments and facilities **Communicative grammar:** Describing your company **Writing:** A description of a company or workplace

1.4 Work skills: Welcoming a visitor

Lesson outcome: Learners can introduce themselves when visiting a company, greet visitors to their place of work and make simple offers.

Video: Welcoming a visitor **Speaking:** Workplace visits

1.5 Business workshop: Your first day

Lesson outcome: Learners can introduce themselves in a new job for the first time, meet new colleagues and complete an employee profile.

Speaking: Meeting human resources and other team members **Writing:** Completing your employee profile

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Nice to meet you



Learners can introduce themselves and others and say where they are from.

- 1 Lena, this is Jorge.
- 2 I'm Kathy.
- **3** Excuse me.
- a I'm Irish.
- **b** Are you Miss Sato?
- **c** He's from Spain.

B 1.02 Complete the dialogues with the sentences in Exercise 1A. Then listen and check.







Vocabulary

Countries and nationalities

2 Match the flags with the countries in the box.

Brazil India Japan Mexico Poland











- **1** Poland
- 2
- 3 _
- 4
- 5 ____

3A Choose the correct word.

- 1 Miguel is Mexico / Mexican)
- **2** Marcin is from *Poland / Polish*.
- **3** Paola is *Brazil / Brazilian*.
- 4 Suresh is from India / Indian.
- **5** Shoko is *Japan / Japanese*.
- B 1.03 Complete the dialogues. Use the countries and nationalities in Exercise 3A. Then listen and check.
- **1 Miguel:** Marcin, this **is** Paola. She's ¹ Brazilian .
 - Marcin: Hi, Paola. Nice to meet you.
 - Paola: Nice to meet you, too. Where are you
 - from, Marcin?

Marcin: |'m 2_____

Paola: Are you from Warsaw?

Marcin: No, I'm not. I'm from Krakow.

Paola: And are you from 3______, Miguel?

Miguel: Yes, that's right.

2 Suresh: Are you ⁴_____, Shoko?

Shoko: Yes, I am. I'm from Tokyo.

And you?

Suresh: I'm from 5

Shoko: And where **is** Paola from?

Suresh: She's from 6

4 1.04 Complete the tables. Then listen and check.

Countries	Nationalities
Argentina	Argentinian
¹ Brazil	Brazilian
China	Chinese
2	German
India	3
Ireland	4

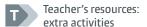
Countries	Nationalities	
5	Japanese	
6	Mexican	
Poland	7	
8	Spanish	
the UK	British	
the USA	American	

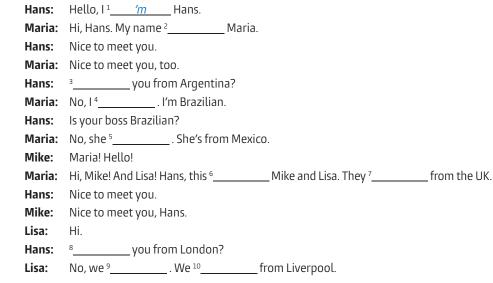
Communicative grammar

INTRODUCTIONS → Grammar reference: page 105 I'm (= I am) from Poland. I'm not (= I am not) from Poland. You/We/They're (= You/We/They are) You/We/They aren't (= You/We/They are not) from Brazil. from Brazil. He/She/It's (= He/She/It is) from Spain. He/She/It **isn't** (= He/She/It **is not**) from Spain. **Are** you/they from Poland? Is he/she/it from Poland? Yes, I am. / Yes, they are. Yes, he/she/it is. No, I'm not (= I am not). / No, they No, he/she/it isn't (= he/she/it is not). aren't (= they are not). What's (= What is) your name? I'm (= I am) Kathy. Where **are** you from? My name's (= My name is) Mark. This **is** Julia

'm 'm not are (x4) aren't is isn't 's







5 1.05 Complete the dialogue with the words in the box. Then listen and check.

VIDEO



- 6 11.1 Watch the video and answer the questions.
- 1 Watch Part 1. Are the sentences *true* (T) or *false* (F)?
 - **a** Her name is Asako. **b** She is Japanese.
- **2** Watch Part 2. Answer the questions.
 - **b** Are they from Warsaw?
 - **a** Are they German?
- **3** Watch Part 3. Answer the questions.
 - **a** What's his name? **b** Where is he from?
- **c** What's his nationality?

c Is she an Office Manager?

c She's a Designer.

- 7A Work in pairs. Take turns meeting each other and introducing yourselves. Talk about your name, nationality and job.
 - A: Hi. My name's Luis. I'm Spanish.
 - B: Hi, Luis, I'm Lise.
 - **A:** Where are you from?
 - **B:** I'm German. I'm from Berlin. Where are you from?
 - A: I'm from Spain from Madrid.

- **B** Now work with another pair. Take turns introducing yourself and your partner. Ask questions.
- C Put the words in the correct order. Say goodbye to each other.

you later see







Can you fill this in, please?

Lesson outcome

Learners can complete a form giving personal details about themselves.

Lead-in

1 1.06 Look at the employee identification card. Complete the dialogue with the words in the box. There is one extra word. Then listen and check.

EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION



Jacek Iwaniec j.iwaniec@ccce.com Carlton Carbon Consulting & Engineering

28 Oak Road, London W55 1TF Tel 020 7946 0800

ID NUMBER 124232

addre	ess email address	ID card number	passport	phone number
Leah:	What's your ¹	, Jacek?		
Jacek:	It's 28 Oak Road	, London, W55 1TF.		
Leah:	What's your 2	?		
Jacek:	It's 124232.			
Leah:	What's your 3	?		
Jacek: It's j.iwaniec@ccc		ce.com. All lower ca	ise.	
Leah: OK, thanks. And v		what's your 4	?	
Jacek: It's 020 7946 080		00.		

Vocabulary

Personal details

- 2 Look at the hotel guest information. Match 1–9 with a–i.
- **a** first name / given name _2_
- b surname / last name ____c title
- **c** title____
- **d** nationality _____
- e middle name ____
- **f** postcode / zip code _____
- **g** home address _____
- **h** passport / ID card number _____
- i phone/mobile/cell number _____
- 3 Write information about yourself.

HOTEL IQBAL: GUEST INFORMATION
¹ Mr ² Wilhelm ³ Ernst ⁴ Schmidt
⁵ Chausseestrasse 41
Teterow, Germany
⁶ 17161
T: ⁷ 03996 55 06 78
E: W_Schmidt@net-mail.com
⁸ German
9Identification card number T29445678
One room, two nights
Leisure/Business

HOTEL ARKADIA: GUEST INF	FORMATION
TITLE: MR / MS / OTHER	FIRST NAME
MIDDLE NAME	SURNAME
HOME ADDRESS	
POSTCODE	
EMAIL ADDRESS MOBILE NUMBER	
NATIONALITY	PASSPORT / ID CARD NUMBER
ARRIVAL DATE	ARRIVAL TIME

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2	3	4	5	6 /	
W <u></u> Sch	midt@	net	<u></u> ma	ıil <u>.</u> co	m
			-	,	

ŧΑ	Match 1-7	with a-g.
_	J	- L L

- a dot ____ c hyphen ____ e lower case n ____ g all lower case ____
 b at ____ d underscore ____ f capital W ____
- B 1.07 Listen and practise saying the email address in Exercise 4A.
- C 1.08 Listen and write the email addresses.

1	ben@abc.net	4	
2		5	
3			

Practise saying email addresses. Ask your classmates.

What's your email address?

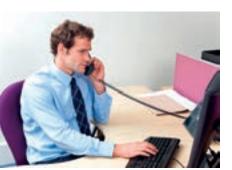
It's jorge underscore gomez at net hyphen mail dot com. It's all lower case.



Reading and listening

Filling in forms

5A 1.09 Look at the new employee registration form. Then listen to Anna's phone conversation and complete the form.



NEW EMPL	OYEE REGISTRATION	
Surname	Weber	
First name ²	Anna	
Gender: 3 male female	other 🔲	
Nationality ⁴		
Marital status: 5 single marrie	d 🔲 other 🔲	
Email address ⁶		
Phone / mobile / cell number ⁷		
Emergency contact number 8		
ID card / Passport number ⁹		
Healthcard #		



Phone numbers			
0	00	22	653-3340
oh	double oh	double two	six five three, double-three four oh
zero	zero zero	two two	six five three, three three four zero

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- **B** Match 1-6 with a-f. Then listen again and check.
- 1 What's

- a nationality?
- 2 Can you
- **b** your surname?
- **3** What's your
- c that, please?
- 4 Sorry, could you repeat
- **d** spell that, please?
- **5** Are you married
- e address?
- 6 What's your email
- **f** or single?

T.	Teacher's resources
	extra activities

MY, YOUR, HIS, HER, ITS, OUR, TH	→ Grammar reference: page 105		
She's my manager.	Its name is the Hotel Arkadia.		
What's your email address?	Our phone number is 232 4578.		
This is his office.	What are your passport numbers?		
What's her nationality?	What's their address?		
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Speaking 6A Look at the new employee registration form. What questions do you need to ask to get the information? Use Exercise 5B to help you.

New Employee Registration	
SURNAME	FIRST NAME
GENDER: MALE 🗌 FEMALE 🗌 OTHER 🗌	NATIONALITY
MARITAL STATUS: SINGLE \square MARRIED \square OTHER \square	EMAIL ADDRESS
PHONE / MOBILE / CELL NUMBER	EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER
ID CARD OR PASSPORT NUMBER	
NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER	

B Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions. Complete the form with your partner's information.



Lesson outcome

Learners can describe their company and workplace.

Lead-in 1 Is your workplace like one of these? Which of these places are in your town or city? Fashion HiQ has workplaces around the world.







A warehouse, Poland

B office, Germany

C factory, China

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2 Listen to three people who work for the clothing maker Fashion HiQ. Match each speaker with a picture in Exercise 1.

1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___

3 Listen again. Tick (✓) the buildings, departments and facilities for each location.

	Buildings			Department	Departments			Facilities		
	factory	office	warehouse	production	sales	shipping and receiving	canteen	gym	employee break room	
Head office, Germany		✓								
Manufacturing division, China										
Distribution division, Poland										

4 A	Look at these staff comments on their workplace. Which comments are positive?
	Which are negative?

- 1 The office is large. +/- 5 It's noisy. +/-
- 2 It's very light. +/ 3 The canteen is small. +/ 6 The break room is quiet. +/ 7 The warehouse is old-fashioned and dark. +/-
- **4** The factory is **modern**. +/-
- B Match 1-4 with a-d.
- 1 dark
 2 noisy
 b light
 3 old-fashioned
 c modern
 4 small
 d quiet
- C Which words in Exercise 4B describe your workplace or place of study?

Reading 5 Complete the description of Fashion HiQ. Use the table in Exercise 3 to help you.

canteen	department	division	factory	gym	manager	office	warehouse
My compan	y has three loc	ations in t	hree coun	ıtries. T	here's a(n)	1	
in Germany,	in Germany, a(n) ² in China and a(n) ³ in Poland. I'm a(n)						
4	, in the production 5 It's part of the manufacturing						
The factory is modern. At the factory, there's a(n) ⁷ ,							
but there's no 8							



Communicative grammar

DESCRIBING YOUR COMPANY

→ Grammar reference: page 105

There's (= There is) a canteen. There's no gym.

There are three departments.

There are small restaurants near the office.

There are no offices.

6 Look at the company information. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

a/one restaurant → two restaurants

a/one factory → two factories

Company name:	Scarpe, Portafogl	i e Borse, K.K
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Head office: Yokohama, Japan

- · sales division
- · marketing department
- · Sales Manager, Marketing Manager
- · gym and canteen
- Factory: Katowice, Poland
- · manufacturing division
- production department
- · Production Manager
- canteen

Warehouse: Naples, Italy

- · distribution division
- shipping department
- · Warehouse Manager, Shipping Manager
- canteen

- 1 There's a factory in Naples. F
- **2** There are two managers in the warehouse.
- 3 There's no gym in Yokohama.
- 4 There are no factories in Poland.
- **5** There's a canteen in the warehouse.
- **6** There's a production department in Katowice.

7 Choose the correct word.

- 1 There's / are four divisions
- **2** There's / are no warehouses.
- **3** There's / are a factory.

- 4 There's / are break rooms for employees.
- **5** There's / are no canteen.
- 6 There's / are a gym.

Scomplete the sentences with There's or There are.

- 1 ______ a sales department in Madrid.
- 2 _____large factories in Japan.
- _____a canteen in the factory.
- _____ no managers in the warehouse.
- _____ three departments in the manufacturing division.
- _____no gym for employees.
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Writing

Teacher's resources: extra activities

Write a description of a company and workplace like the one in Exercise 5. Use your own, or the one below. Include information about:

- locations (offices, factories, warehouses, etc., and countries and/or cities).
- departments and/or divisions.
- facilities in the location where you work.

Company name: Muebles Madali, S.A.

Head office: Madrid, Spain

- · sales division
- marketing department
- example job: Sales Rep
- · offices light
- · canteen and gym

Factory: Puebla, Mexico

- · manufacturing division
- · production department
- · example job: Engineer
- workplace noisy
- · restaurants near the factory

Warehouse: Alicante, Spain

- · distribution division
- · shipping department
- · example job: Warehouse Manager
- building modern
- canteen







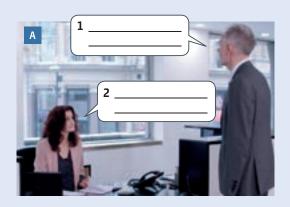
WORK SKILLS Welcoming a visitor

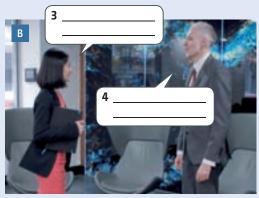
Lesson outcome

Learners can introduce themselves when visiting a company, greet visitors to their place of work and make simple offers.

Lead-in 1A Match the photos (A and B) with the situations in the box. There is one extra situation.

saying hello to a friendly visitor introducing a colleague giving your name at reception





- **B** Complete the dialogues in Exercise 1A with sentences a-d.
- a Could you spell that, please?
- **b** No, thanks.
- c My name's Krzysztof Grzeszak.
- **d** Good to see you! How about a coffee?

VIDEO 2A ■ 1.4.1 Watch Part 1 of the video without sound. Tick (✓) who says each line.

		Liz	Krzysztof
1	'Good morning. How may I help you?'		
2	'I'm here to see Yumiko Kobayashi.'		
3	'Sorry, could you repeat that, please?'		
4	'Have a seat, please.'		
5	'Would you like some tea or coffee?'		
6	'Milk, please. No sugar, thanks.'		

- **B** Watch Part 1 of the video with sound. Check your answers.
- 3A 1.4.2 Watch Part 2 of the video. Which of these items are in the video?













tablet

photocopier

laptop

coffee machine

whiteboard

printer

- **B** Is the receptionist and Krzysztof's conversation formal or less formal? And Yumiko and Krzysztof's conversation?
- Watch the video again. Match 1-5 with a-e and 6-10 with f-j.
- 1 Could you
- a a seat, please.
- **7** How
- **6** How about **f** really well, thanks.

- 2 Have
- **b** keep you waiting.

- **3** Ms Kobayashi will **c** repeat that, please?
- **8** ľm
- **q** a coffee?

- **9** Please

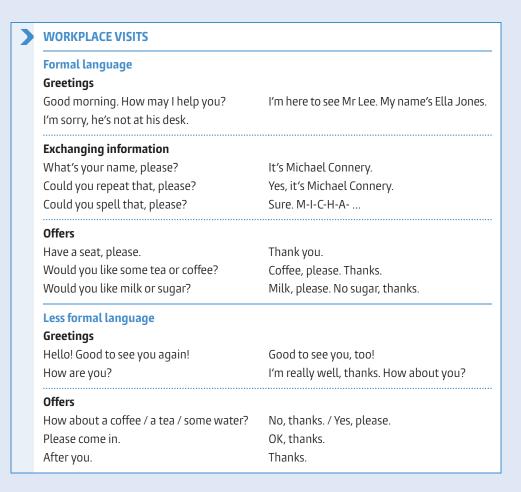
- **4** Sorry to
- **d** see you again!
- h you.

- **5** Good to
- **e** be ready in a few minutes.
- **10** After
- i come in. j are you?

> 14 €



Speaking

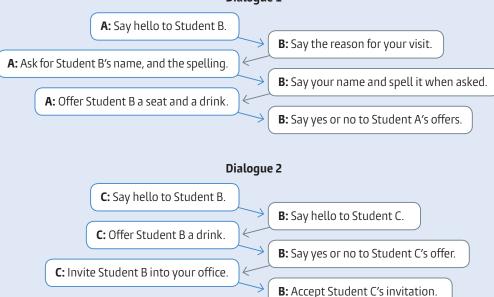




5 Work in groups of three. Write two dialogues.

Student A: You work at reception. **Student B:** You visit Student C. **Student C:** Student B visits you.

Dialogue 1



6 Practise the dialogues from Exercise 5.





Your first day



Lesson outcome

Learners can introduce themselves in a new job for the first time, meet new colleagues and complete an employee profile.

Arriving

1 Work in pairs. It's your first day in a new job. Take turns being Student A and Student B.

Student A: You're the receptionist.

- Say hello to Student B.
- Ask for Student B's name, and the spelling.
- Offer Student B a seat and a drink.

Student B: You're the new employee.

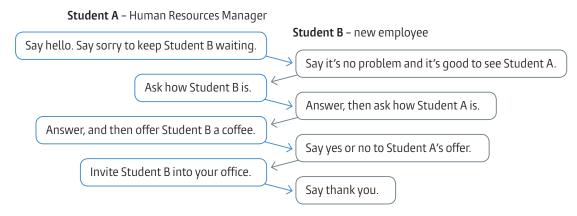
- · Say the reason for your visit.
- Say your name and spell it when asked.
- Say yes or no to Student A's offers.

resources

Meeting human 2A Work in new pairs. Take turns being Student A and Student B. Follow the conversation outline below.

Student A: You are the <u>Human Resources Manager</u>. You know Student B.

Student B: You're the new employee. You know Student A.



- **B** Work in the same pairs. Student A: Look at page 113. Student B: Look at page 115.
- C Change roles. Student A: Look at page 115. Student B: Look at page 113.

Meeting other team members

Work in groups of three. Use your real name and nationality.

Student A: You're the Human Resources Manager. Introduce Student B and Student C.

Student B: Say hello to Student C and ask where he or she is from.

Student C: Say hello to Student B, answer his/her question and ask where he or she is from. Also ask where Student A is from.

Completing your employee profile

Write information about yourself.



Employee profile		
Surname 1	First name ²	
Gender: ³ male female	other Nationality 4	
Marital status: ⁵ single (married O other O	
Email address ⁶		
Phone / mobile / cell nur	nber ⁷	
Emergency contact num	ber ⁸	
ID card or passport num	ber ⁹	
Start date		

