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Name of activity: Hi

Type of activity: warming up, greeting

Topic: Hi ...

Material: Blackboard, a ball

Number of learners: You can do that in any class with more than 5 and less than 20 participants in culturally mixed classes

Language level: Beginners

Time: 5 minutes at the beginning

Goal: - Getting used to greeting habits
- getting to know the fellow participants
- getting used to "Sie" and "du" in German

Possible challenges: In the beginning shy participants may need help and speak at a very low voice. It may be difficult for them to understand the question – they need a minute or two to collect an answer.

Preparation: Think about the question that follows the introduction

Procedure: Note at the blackboard:

- + Hi ... (e.g. Anna) . How are you?
- * Hi... (e.g. Roman) Fine, thanks. And how are you?
- + Fine, thanks.

Then throw the ball to a participant and start the dialogue. He or she will answer, and then ask the follow-up question. After the answer the participant throws the ball towards another participant and the dialogue starts again.

Follow up: Ask a question that leads into your item today:

- e.g.
- + "When do you go to bed normally?"
 - * "I go to bed at 11 o'clock."

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