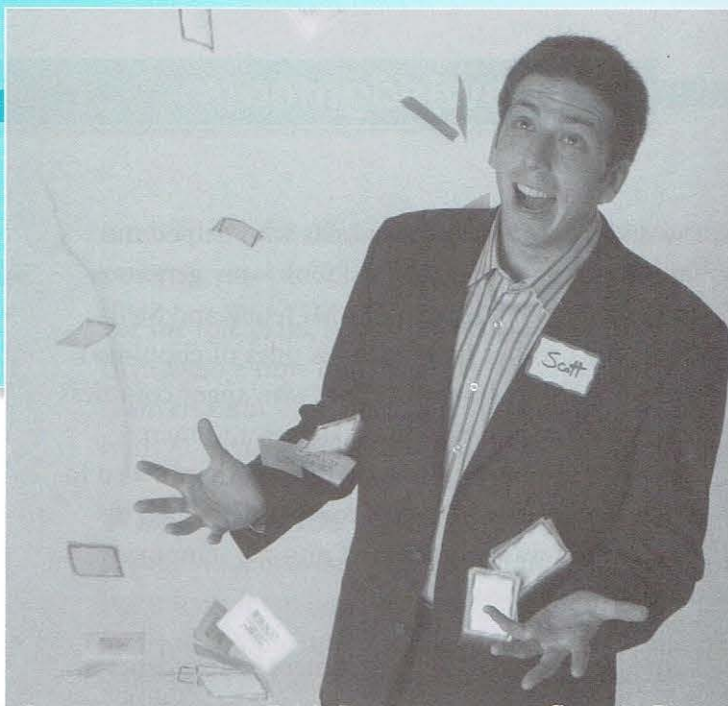


# Hello, My Name Is Scott



## 1. Read the story

Look at the pictures on these pages.  
What is the story about? Now read it.

ST. LOUIS, USA <sup>1</sup>One day, Scott Ginsberg, 23, went to a meeting\* and put on a nametag\*\*. It said, “Hello, my name is Scott.” <sup>2</sup>After the meeting, Scott forgot all about his nametag and **went out** to a restaurant with the nametag **still** on his shirt. <sup>3</sup>Strangers were **friendly** to him and began **conversations**. “Hello, Scott!” they said. “What’s up?\*\*\*” Scott met 20 people that night and had a wonderful time.

<sup>4</sup>Now Scott wears a nametag all the time—at work and on weekends. <sup>5</sup>He meets new people

**everywhere**—at parks, movies, and supermarkets. <sup>6</sup>“Most people want to be friendly,” he says. “But they’re afraid. Nametags **make** people **comfortable**. They break the **silence**, the **walls** between people.”

\* meeting: when two or more people meet to talk

\*\* nametag: a paper with your name that you put on a shirt or coat

\*\*\* What’s up?: What’s new?

## NEW WORDS

go out *v*

restaurant *n*

still *adv*

stranger *n*

friendly *adj*

conversation *n*

everywhere *adv*

park *n*

make *v*

comfortable *adj*

silence *n*

wall *n*

>> See Glossary on page 88. >>

## 2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an X.

Not at All

A Lot



### 3. Check your comprehension

Put the sentences in the correct order. Number them 1–6. The first one is done for you.

- a. \_\_\_ He now wears a nametag everywhere.
- b. \_\_\_ Later, he went out to eat with the nametag still on.
- c. \_\_\_ He had a wonderful time that night!
- d. \_\_\_ He put on a nametag.
- e. 1 Scott Ginsberg went to a meeting.
- f. \_\_\_ A lot of strangers talked to Scott.

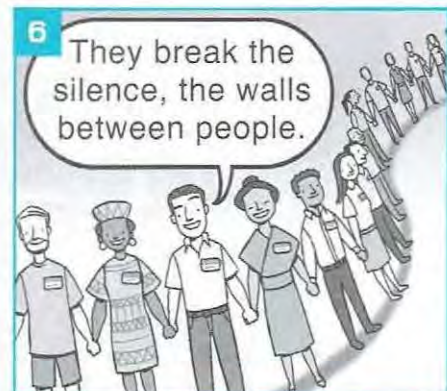
### 4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- a. Scott forgot about his nametag and w\_\_\_\_\_ out to a rest\_\_\_\_\_.
- b. St\_\_\_\_\_s began \_\_\_\_\_ersations with him.
- c. Nametags, Scott says, m\_\_\_\_\_ people com\_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Nametags break the sil\_\_\_\_\_, the w\_\_\_\_\_s between people.

### 5. Listen to the story track 2

Now listen to the story two or three times. Look at the pictures below as you listen.



### 6. Retell the story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Retell the story using the New Words.

## 7. Answer the questions

### About the story...

- What happened the first time Scott went out with his nametag on?
- Where does Scott meet people now?
- What does Scott say about nametags? What do they do?
- What do you think? Are people afraid to be friendly?

### About you...

- Do you like to go out on weekends? Where?
- Where do you meet new people?
- How do you begin conversations with them?
- How can we be more friendly?

## 8. Learn word partnerships

Study the partnerships below. Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

GO OUT			
go out	to	a restaurant a movie eat	<b>Scott went out to a restaurant.</b> <i>On weekends, Young-hee likes to go out to a movie. I don't often go out to eat at Burger Boy.</i>
	for	coffee dinner	<i>My friends love to go out for coffee. I went out for dinner yesterday with Ichiro.</i>

- My friends and I like to go out \_\_\_\_\_.
- I don't often \_\_\_\_\_ out \_\_\_\_\_.
- I went \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

## 9. Learn word groups

Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use words from the pictures.

### PLACES TO MEET FRIENDS



- I like to meet my friends at \_\_\_\_\_.
- We never meet at \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's expensive to go out to \_\_\_\_\_ in my town.

## 10. Take a dictation track 3

Use your own paper to write the dictation. Check your answers on page 86.

## 11. Complete the story

Use the words from the box to complete the story.

everywhere    strangers    silence    make    parks    friendly

# Say Hello!

**ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS** A Dutch politician\* did not like the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in Rotterdam. He wanted to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ people more (3) \_\_\_\_\_. So he put up a big sign\*\* in Rotterdam. "Say Hello," the sign says.

The politician, Joel van der Meer, moved to Rotterdam last year. Before that, he lived in a small town in the north of the Netherlands. There, he says, people say hello to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ on the street, in cafes, and in (5) \_\_\_\_\_. "When I came to Rotterdam last year, I was shocked\*\*\*. People here don't say hello on the street."

Van der Meer now wants to put up "Say Hello" signs (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in Rotterdam. "I want people to be friends," he says.



\* politician: someone who works in the government

\*\* sign: a thing with writing or a picture on it that tells you something

\*\*\* shocked: very surprised



### Talk about the stories

How are the stories of Scott Ginsberg and Joel van der Meer similar? How are they different?