

We're Having Guests

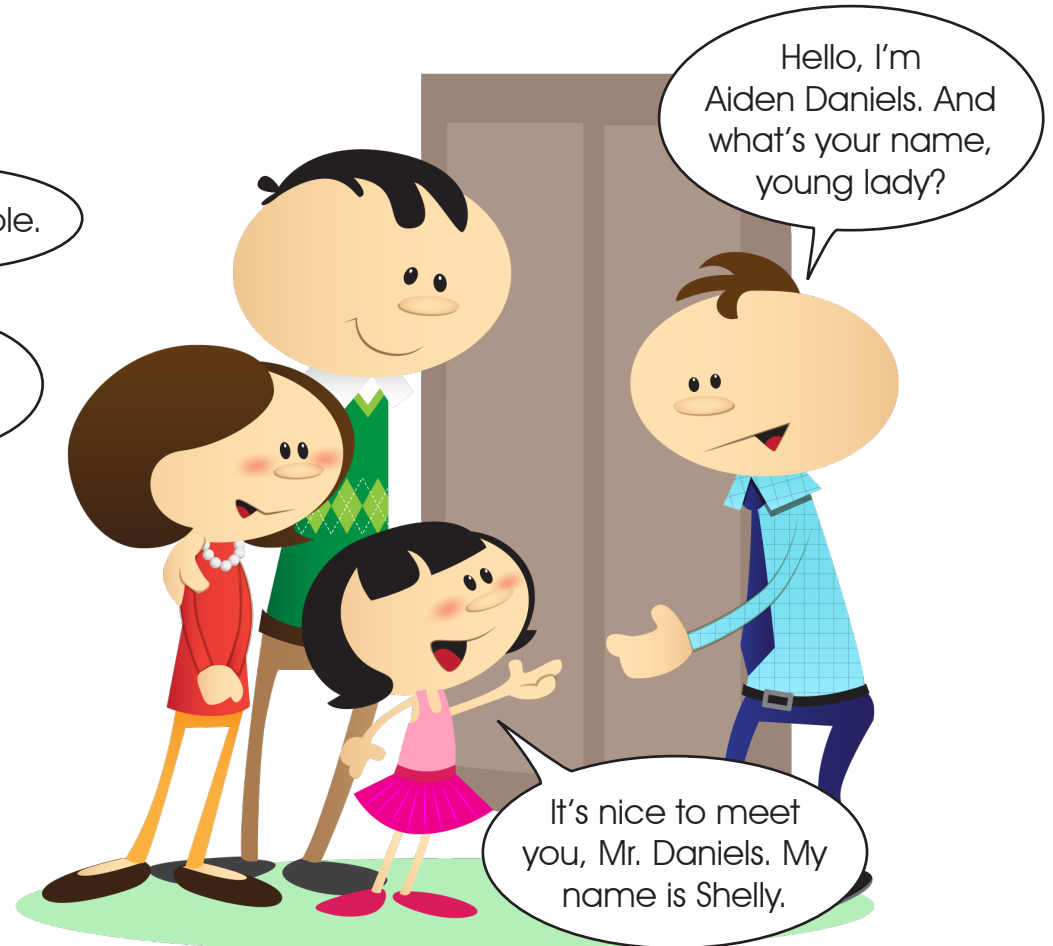
SOMETIMES IT CAN BE CONFUSING TO KNOW HOW TO GREET SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW WELL. FOR EXAMPLE, HOW SHOULD YOU REACT WHEN YOUR PARENTS' FRIENDS VISIT? AND WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF THEY BRING THEIR CHILDREN WITH THEM?

HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP YOU IN GREETING VISITORS WHEN YOUR PARENTS HAVE GUESTS OVER. TO SHOW A POLITE INTEREST IN PEOPLE TAKES EFFORT, BUT YOU WILL FIND THAT IT IS WELL WORTH IT.

Tips for greeting your parents' friends



IF YOU ARE PRESENT WHEN GUESTS ARRIVE, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU ALSO GREET THEM. DOING SO MAKES THE VISITORS FEEL COMFORTABLE AND WELCOME.



IF YOU KNOW THE VISITOR'S NAME, IT'S NICE TO INCLUDE THAT IN YOUR GREETING.

IF GUESTS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED TO YOU AS MR. OR MRS., BE SURE TO INCLUDE THAT TITLE IN FRONT OF THEIR NAME WHEN YOU ADDRESS THEM.



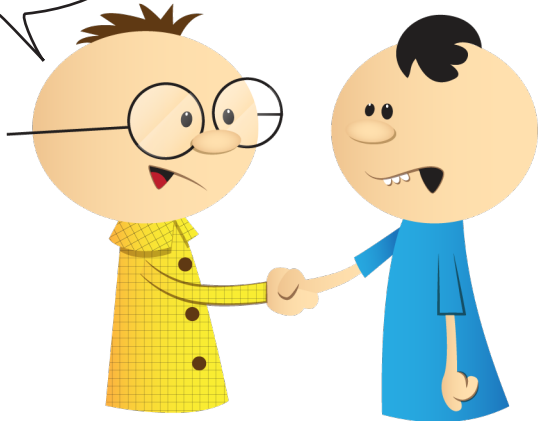
REMEMBER TO SMILE AND LOOK AT THE VISITOR WHILE YOU ARE CONVERSING.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING MORE, MAYBE YOU COULD COMMENT ON SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR THE GUEST.

¹ *Lomo saltado*: a Peruvian stir-fry meal of beef strips, along with French fries.

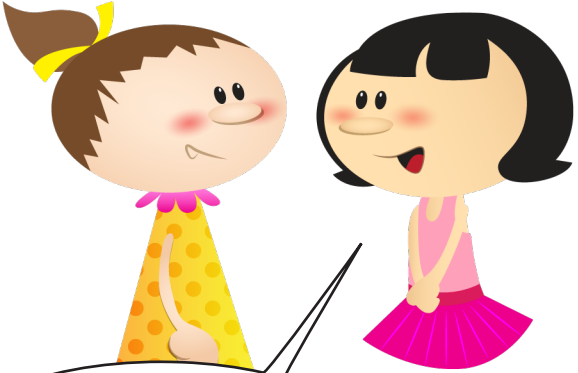
Tips for greeting the children of your parents' friends who visit



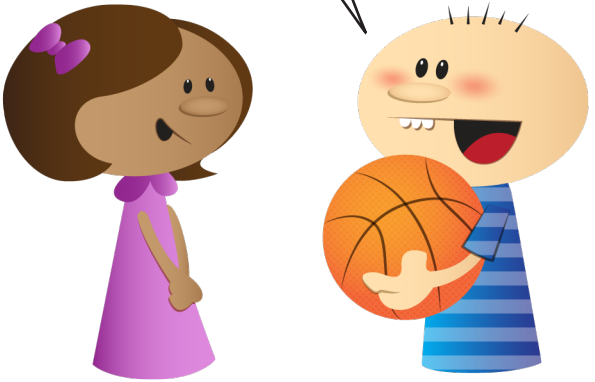
Hi, I'm Ryan.
What's your name?

HERE ARE A FEW WAYS
YOU CAN HELP THEM FEEL
COMFORTABLE:


AS WITH ADULTS, YOU SHOULD
GREET OTHER CHILDREN BY
INTRODUCING YOURSELF AND
ASKING THEM THEIR NAMES.




It's so fun to
have you visit. I'm Shelly.
And you are...?



I'm Jack.
What's your name?
Would you like
to play?



Do you like playing
baseball? I'm Darren.
What's your name?

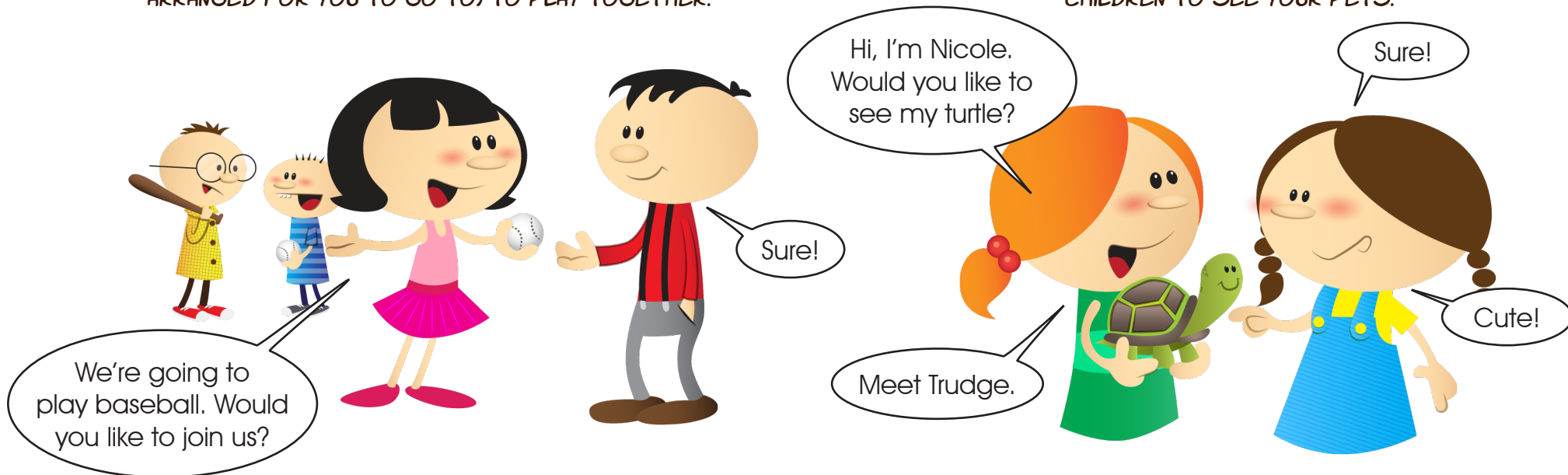


My name is Nicole.
What's your name? Do
you like to color?



AFTER THE INITIAL GREETING, YOU CAN POSSIBLY INVITE THEM TO GO WITH YOU TO YOUR ROOM (OR ANOTHER PLACE YOUR PARENTS HAVE ARRANGED FOR YOU TO GO TO) TO PLAY TOGETHER.

IF YOU HAVE PETS IN A CAGE OR AQUARIUM, YOU CAN INVITE THE VISITING CHILDREN TO SEE YOUR PETS.



SOMETIMES THE VISITING CHILDREN WILL BE MUCH YOUNGER THAN YOU AND WON'T WANT TO LEAVE THE ROOM WHERE THEIR PARENTS ARE. YOU COULD BRING OUT SOME TOYS OR BOOKS FOR THEM, OR YOU CAN SEE IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO PLAY WITH YOU QUIETLY IN THE SAME ROOM.

WHEN YOU KNOW THAT CHILDREN WILL BE VISITING, IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO SPEND SOME TIME PREPARING FOR THEIR VISIT. YOU CAN PREPARE A GAME OR SOME TOYS THAT YOU THINK THEY'LL ENJOY PLAYING WITH TOGETHER WITH YOU.

MOST OF ALL, ENJOY YOURSELF! THAT WILL HELP THE VISITORS ENJOY THEMSELVES TOO.

