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Tapescripts:

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We also need to think about how the Covid-19 pandemic changed the way we greet each other. Nowadays, people are less likely to shake hands, especially with strangers. Instead, a nod or a simple gesture is more common. This new way of greeting has become normal, even though before the pandemic, not shaking hands at a business meeting would seem rude.

In Britain, people are known for being a bit awkward with greetings, even with their own families. They like to keep things formal, so a firm handshake or just saying "nice to meet you" is usually enough. However, younger people in Britain are more into hugs and kisses than before.

In North America, like in the USA, Canada, and Mexico, physical contact is important. Hugs and kisses show affection and happiness, especially if you haven't seen someone for a long time. In many European countries, people kiss on the cheek when they meet, no matter how well they know each other. But in Asia, greetings are more formal. People might shake hands, bow, or nod. In Japan, for example, hugging and kissing, especially among family, is not common at all.

So, it's hard to learn all the greetings in the world, but knowing a little about how people say hello can help you make friends and show respect when you travel or meet someone from a different place.

Part 2:

I'm going to show you some simple tips to go green, protect the planet and even save some money in the long run. Invest in canvas bags for when you go shopping. You can reuse them every time and it cuts down on the amount of plastic going into landfills or the ocean.

Speaking of wasted plastic, buy a reusable water bottle. According to National Geographic, Americans spent 21.7 billion dollars on bottled water in 2011. Save money and the planet by just refilling the same bottle. Save money on energy bills by washing your clothes in cold water and hanging them out on the line to dry. Conserve water by taking shorter showers. Set your thermostat a little lower in the winter and a little higher during the summer. And for goodness sake, turn off the lights when you leave a room. In fact, try to use electric lights as little as possible. Open up those curtains and let that sunshine in. And while we're on the topic of electronics, turn off your computer before you go to bed at night. Oh and unplug your cell phone chargers when you're not using them. Believe it or not electricity is still being used even when the charger isn't plugged into your phone.

Recycle an old cell phone that you don't use anymore. Its waste contains mercury and other toxins and is a growing environmental problem. Turn in your cell phone to a local electronics store and they'll take care of it for you. You might even be able to get some money in the process. And lastly recycle, recycle, recycle pop bottles, paper, tin cans. Those blue bins at your school aren't just there for decoration. Together we can keep the planet clean, safe and overall more desirable to live on.