



1. Greetings (1)

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VOCABULARY:

- **swamp**
/swämp/

- v. overwhelm or flood with water; **syn. flood; immerse**
ex. I'm completely swamped with work.
- **possibility**
/ɪ päsə¹ bilədē/

- n. a thing that may happen or be the case; **syn. chance**
ex. There was always the possibility that he might be turned down.
- **beat the traffic**

- to leave earlier than most people so that you can avoid travelling when the roads are crowded
ex. I want to try and beat the traffic.

PHRASES:

- *I am doing quite well*
I've been better
I'm good.
- *How are you doing?*
How are you?
- *You're kidding me!* - *I can't believe!*

DIALOGUE:

Alice: Hello, how are you doing?

Brian: I am doing quite well, how are you?

Alice: I've been better. I'm completely **swamped** with work.

Brian: I know the feeling. My boss works me hard, too.

Alice: Enough about work. How are the kids?

Brian: They are good. The oldest is about to graduate from high school.

Alice: **You're kidding me!** That's great, man.

Brian: The youngest is about to start middle school soon.

Alice: My son is about to start middle school as well.

Brian: Hey, maybe they will be classmates.

Alice: It's a strong **possibility**.

Brian: Yeah. Well, I want to try and **beat the traffic**. Good-bye.

Alice: Have a good one.

ACTIVITY 1: DISCUSSION

1. How's Alice at work?
2. What good news about Brian's oldest son did he share with Alice?
3. Why do you think Brian had to beat the traffic?
4. Do you sometimes have to beat the traffic?
5. How are you doing at work?
6. How are your kids?

ACTIVITY 2: MATCH THE RIGHT RESPONSE

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| 1. How are you doing? | a. That's a strong possibility. |
| 2. How are the kids? | b. I'm doing quite well. |
| 3. I just got promoted as the
senior supervisor in my company! | c. They are good. |
| 4. Maybe you will get promoted as well! | d. You're kidding me! |