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Greetings Bonjour!

 **ACTIVITY 1** is on the recording.

ACTIVITY 2

In each case decide if the people are meeting or parting.

DIALOGUE 1

- ☐ Bonjour!
- ☒ Bonjour! Ça va?
- ☐ Ça va.
- ☐ Bonne nuit, Papa! Bonne nuit, Maman!
- ☒ Bonne nuit, ma chérie.
- ☒ Bonne nuit.
- ☐ Au revoir, tout le monde! À bientôt!
- ☒ À bientôt!
- ☐ Salut, Christine.
- ☒ Salut, Alexandre. À demain.
- ☐ Bonsoir, Monsieur Laffont. Bonsoir, Madame Laffont.
- ☒ Bonsoir, Mademoiselle.
- ☒ Bonsoir, Mademoiselle.

VOCABULARY

bonjour	hello, good morning, good afternoon
ça va?	how are you? [<i>literally</i> that goes?]
ça va	fine
bonne nuit	goodnight
papa	dad(dy)
maman	mum(my), mom(my)
ma chérie (f)	my darling
au revoir	goodbye
tout le monde	everyone
à bientôt	see you soon
salut	goodbye [<i>also</i> hi, hello]
à demain	see you tomorrow
bonsoir	good evening, hello
monsieur	Mr, Sir
madame	Mrs, Madam, Ms
mademoiselle	Miss

*If you are uncertain about any of the grammatical terms used in the **Language Building** sections, see the *Glossary of Grammatical Terms* on page 245.*

✓ Intonation

Intonation is important in French as it affects the meaning of what you say. For example, a phrase like **ça va** can be used both as a question and as an answer. As you heard in Dialogue 1, when it's a question, the voice goes up at the end; for a statement it goes down.

Ça va? How are you?

Ça va. Fine.

Salut means 'hi', 'hello', or 'goodbye'; again, its meaning is determined by the intonation used.

There will be more about intonation in later units.

✓ *Monsieur, Madame, Mademoiselle*

Forms of address such as **Monsieur** (to a man), **Madame** (to a woman), and **Mademoiselle** (to a young woman) are more widely used in French than the English equivalents of 'Sir', 'Madam', and 'Miss'.

Bonsoir, **Monsieur**. Good evening, (Sir).

Au revoir, **Madame**. Goodbye, (Madam).


✓ *Messieurs Dames*

This colloquial form of address is widely used in cafés, shops, and restaurants as a greeting to a mixed group.

ACTIVITY 3

Match each situation 1–4 with the appropriate phrase a–d.

- 1 You're saying goodnight to a group of French friends.
 - 2 You're greeting your French neighbour in the morning.
 - 3 A French colleague in your office is going home at the end of the day.
 - 4 You're arriving at your hotel and are greeting the man at reception.
- a Bonjour. **Ça va?**
 - b Bonsoir, **Monsieur**.
 - c Au revoir. **À demain**.
 - d Bonne nuit, tout le monde.

 Now do activities 4 and 5 on the recording.