Lesson 3: Keeping in touch

Warm-up questions:
Do you prefer to have few close friends or have many acquaintances?  
Have you ever had a falling out with a friend? What happened?  
How do you like to keep in touch with your friends? Text, Call, Email, etc.

Vocabulary/Expressions:

Keep in touch  Acquaintance  Excuse  
Touch base with  Hit (someone) up  Catch up

Greeting (after long time):
How have you been?  What have you been up to?  
Long time no hear.  What’s new these days?  
How has life been treating you?  How’s work/family/the love life?

Making excuses:
I’ve been very busy with work.  I’ve been very busy with school.  
I’ve had a lot of things on my plate.  I don’t have much free time these days.

Farewell:
It was great seeing you.  It was nice catching up.  
I’m glad we could meet/talk.

Future plans:
Let’s do this again.  Why don’t we grab dinner next Friday?  
How about grabbing a drink later?  Do you want to meet up next week?  
Would you like to go on a trip with me this summer?

Practice:
What is the most/least important traits to have in a friend? Please rank the following:

Similar humor  Similar wealth/status  
Attractiveness  Similar hobbies/interests  
Similar political views  Other:

Discussion Questions:
How has social media and technology changed the way we communicate?  
Do you prefer to have few close friends or have many acquaintances?  
If you wanted to make new friends, what would you do?  
“We like people who are similar or people who we admire.” What do you think this statement means? Do you agree or disagree? Can you give some real life examples?