Welcome Back & Welcome In – Picture Dictionary

This picture dictionary is designed for intermediate adult ESL students to learn and use vocabulary related to welcoming, meeting, and introducing people. Images are realistic and text-free. Students can see the word, definition, and an example sentence for each term.

Welcome back



Definition: To greet someone warmly after they return to a familiar place.

Example: Welcome back! It's great to see you again after the summer.

Meet someone for the first time



Definition: To see or be introduced to someone whom you've never met before.

Example: Let me introduce you—this is Anna; we're meeting for the first time.

Introduce yourself



Definition: To tell others your name and maybe a bit about you.

Example: Hi, I'd like to introduce myself: My name is Carlos, and I teach ESL.

Introduce someone else



Definition: To tell others someone else's name and role.

Example: This is my friend Maria. I'd like to introduce her to you.

Dream(s)



Definition: Ideas or hopes you imagine for the future.

Example: My dream is to travel around the world and learn new cultures.

Ticket out



Definition: A metaphor for a way to escape or leave a situation.

Example: For him, studying English was a ticket out of his small hometown.

Laugh(ed) about



Definition: To remember something and smile or laugh.

Example: We laughed about that funny story we shared during summer camp.

Same old place



Definition: A place that hasn't changed and feels familiar.

Example: Sometimes it's nice to come back to the same old place—you feel at home.

Changes



Definition: Things that are different now compared to before.

Example: There have been a lot of changes since we last met, like new classmates.

Turn(ed) around



Definition: To change direction or make a change for the better.

Example: This class turned my English around—it's better than ever.

No place like home



Definition: A phrase meaning home is the most comfortable or beloved place.

Example: After traveling, I always feel: there's no place like home.

Enroll



Definition: To register or sign up for a class or program.

Example: I plan to enroll in the advanced English course next semester.

Improve



Definition: To become better at something.

Example: She has worked hard to improve her pronunciation.

Achieve



Definition: To reach a goal through effort.

Example: He finally achieved his goal of passing the TOEFL exam.