

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.

Bonus Activity – Meet and Greet Questions

Use these questions to get to know your classmates better. Work in pairs or small groups. Take turns asking and answering the questions. You can add your own questions to the list.

- What is your favorite food?
- What country would you like to visit?
- Do you have any pets?
- What is one hobby you enjoy?
- What is your favorite movie or TV show?
- Do you prefer mornings or evenings?
- What is one goal you have for this year?
- What is one thing you are good at?
- What kind of music do you like?
- What is one thing you want to learn in this class?

Lyrics

Welcome back

Your dreams were your ticket out

Welcome back

To that same old place that you laughed about

Well, the names have all changed

Since you hung around

But those dreams have remained

And they've turned around

Who'd have thought they'd lead you

(Who'd have thought they'd lead you)

Back here where we need you?

(Back here where we need you?)

Yeah, we tease him a lot

'Cause we got him on the spot

Welcome back

Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back

Welcome back, welcome back

Welcome back

We always could spot a friend

Welcome back

And I smile when I think how you must have been

And I know what a scene

You were learnin' in

Was there somethin' that

Made you come back again?

And what could ever lead you

(What could ever lead you)

Back here where we need you?

(Back here where we need you?)

Yeah, we tease him a lot

'Cause we got him on the spot

Welcome back

Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back
Welcome back, welcome back

And I know what a scene
You were learnin' in
Was there somethin' that
Made you come back again?

And what could ever lead you
(What could ever lead you)
Back here where we need you?
(Back here where we need you?)

Yeah, we tease him a lot
'Cause we got him on the spot
Welcome back

Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back
Welcome back, welcome back

Yeah, we tease him a lot
(Welcome back, welcome back)
'Cause we got him on the spot
(Welcome back, welcome back)

Yeah, we tease him a lot
'Cause we got him on the spot
Welcome back

Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back
Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back
Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back

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Find Someone Who... – Welcome Back & Welcome In

Instructions: Walk around the classroom and talk to your classmates. Ask them questions to complete your bingo card. When you find someone who matches a description, write their name in the box. Try to talk to as many different people as possible!

Tried a new food recently	Visited a new place in the last 12 months	Can teach you how to say 'hello' in another language	Has lived in this city for more than 5 years
Has met someone famous	Knows how to introduce someone else in English	Has a dream they want to share	Has laughed about a funny memory this summer
Is new to this class	Has been in this class before	Can use the phrase 'ticket out' in a sentence	Has made a big change in the last year
Thinks there's no place like home	Has enrolled in another class this year	Wants to improve their writing skills	Has achieved a personal goal recently

Speaking Prompts – Welcome Back & Welcome In

Use these speaking prompts to have conversations with your classmates. Work in pairs or small groups. Be sure to listen carefully and ask follow-up questions.

For Everyone

- What is one goal you have for this school year?
- What is something new you learned recently?
- What is your favorite thing about starting a new class?
- What is one change you have made in the past year?
- If you could travel anywhere this year, where would you go?

For Returning Students

- What is your favorite memory from this class?
- What do you think is different about the class this year?
- What advice would you give to new students?

For New Students

- What is one thing you want to learn this year?
- What is one thing you want your classmates to know about you?
- What do you hope to achieve in this class?

Writing Task – Welcome Back & Welcome In

Choose one of the prompts below and write a short paragraph. Use complete sentences, correct punctuation, and try to use some of the new vocabulary from today's lesson. You will share your writing with a partner or in a small group.

For Returning Students

Write a short welcome message to the new students in the class. Include:

- A greeting
- One or two memories from your time in this class
- Advice or tips for success this year

For New Students

Write a short introduction to share with your classmates. Include:

- Your name and where you are from
- One or two interesting facts about yourself
- One goal you have for this school year

Extension Activity

Exchange your writing with a partner. Read each other's work and write one question or comment in response.