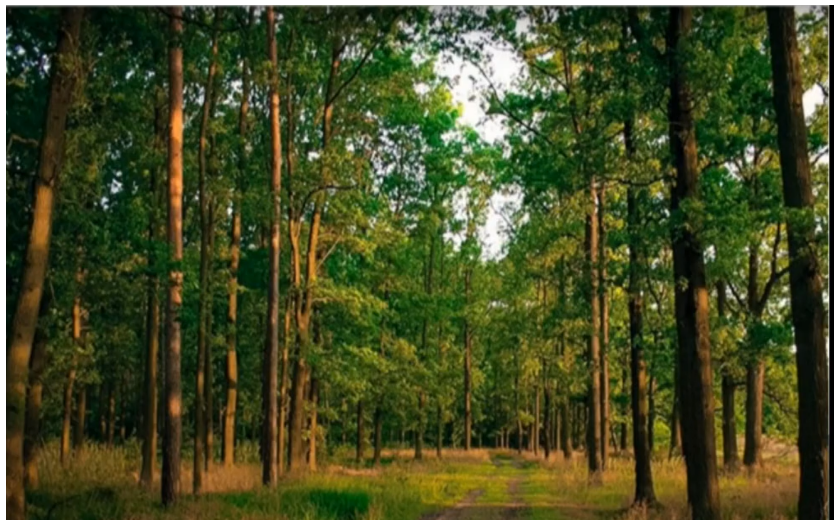


“Say “Good day!” to a person”

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A father and a small son are walking along a forest path.



There is silence all around, only one can hear a woodpecker knocking somewhere far away and a stream gurgling in the forest thicket.



Then the son saw that the old woman was coming towards them.



- Dad, where is the grandmother going? - asks the son.
- To meet or to see somebody off, - says the father and smiles.
- Listen! When we meet the old woman, you will say "Good afternoon, grandma!"

The son was surprised and asked, "Why should we say these words? We

don't know her.”

- When we meet the grandmother, you will say these words to her and then you'll see why.

Here is the grandmother.



“ Good day, grandmother!”, says the son.

"Good afternoon!", says the father.

“ Have a good health!”, answers the old woman and smiles.

Just at once the boy saw that everything around changed. The sun started shining brighter.



A light breeze blew through the tops of the trees, and the leaves got fluttered and trembled. Birds began to sing in the bushes, they had not been heard before.



The boy felt relieved.

- Why is that so? asks the son.
- Because we wished the person a good day.

Always say “Good morning! Good afternoon! Good day! Good evening!” to people around you. Then you will see that the world around you becomes nicer.

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