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Time can be flexible for breaks and lunch at some workplaces. If you need to take a break at a certain time, you need to be clear with your supervisor.

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This is a sign of friendliness. Friendships are sometimes superficial. Work friendships usually stay at work. Everyone is treated fairly and equally.

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Saying, “hello, how are you?” is usually only an informal greeting said in passing.

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Communication styles in the U.S. are usually very direct and short. Giving more details or repeating yourself for emphasis can seem like a waste of time.

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There is usually not a lot of hierarchy in U.S. companies. Information is shared regularly with all employees.

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Time can be spent, wasted, invested and lost. Time is like money in the U.S. Work is normally done in shifts, and a lot of times is paid by the hour. If you are expected to be at work during a certain schedule, you need to be there, and will get paid for the time you work if you are an hourly employee.

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Some workplaces have a policy where they can fire someone for “No call, no show.” Most workplaces require employees to communicate when they will miss work for any reason.

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