

Introducing Yourself

We all want to make a good first impression when we meet somebody new. Knowing how to introduce yourself well is a great way to achieve this.

Here we'll teach you all the phrases you need to know to begin an introduction, start conversations, and make sure you stay in touch with someone afterwards. Take a look at the tables below and get ready for the next time you meet somebody new!

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Beginning an Introduction

Below we've collected all the phrases you'll need to start a proper self-introduction. Have a look and get prepared for the next time you want to introduce yourself.

Hello!

How's it going?

What's your name?

My name is Steven.

Nice to meet you.

Pleasure to meet you.

Pleasure.

Nice to meet you too.

Let me introduce myself.

I'd like to introduce Sarah.

This is my sister, Michelle.

Have we met before?

Hello!

It's polite to greet someone when you first meet them. You could also use Hey, Hi, or even a Howdy!. Most people in the English-speaking world will shake hands with each other when they meet for the first time. Afterwards, it's usual to ask: What's your name?. Don't be surprised if the person you are meeting simply says their name as you shake hands. If that happens, it's easiest to just say your own name back to them.

My name is Steven

There are two simple ways to introduce yourself to somebody in English. You could use either My name is + NAME or I'm + NAME. For example: My name is Carl or I'm Jacob. A typical follow-up sentence that you would use after saying your name is: What is yours?.

Nice to meet you

It's polite to say this phrase after you learn the name of the person you are meeting. It is a friendly way of showing that you are happy to meet the other person. You might also hear the phrase Pleasure to meet you or even just Pleasure. These mean the same thing as Nice to meet you but are used more in formal situations like business meetings. A response to Nice to meet you or Pleasure to meet you could be one of the following: Nice to meet you too, You too, or Likewise.

Let me introduce myself

This phrase is a very formal way to begin a self-introduction. It is normally only used in highly formal situations like business meetings, speeches, and formal gatherings. If you are ever in one of these situations, it's helpful to use Let me introduce myself to begin your introduction. Afterwards, you would then give your name My name is Andrew.

I'd like to introduce Sarah

Use the sentence pattern I'd like to introduce + NAME/PERSON to introduce somebody else. You could also use either Let me introduce + NAME/PERSON or This is + NAME/PERSON to do this. Although these phrases are similar to Let me introduce myself, they are much less formal. As another example of how to use them, let's say you are at a friend's party and have brought your brother along. You could walk up to your friends and say Let me introduce my brother, John as a way to let your friends know who is with you. Most people would probably then turn to your brother and say: Nice to meet you!.

Continuing an Introduction

After you learn somebody's name, it's a good idea to get to know them more. Here you'll find useful questions that you can use to keep a conversation going after initial introductions.

What do you do?

Where do you work?

What brings you here?

Where are you from?

How old are you?

What do you do for fun?

What kind of hobbies do you have?

What do you do?

This sentence often has the same meaning as Where do you work?. When somebody asks you this question, they usually want to know what you do professionally. You could answer this question in many ways. You could say your job title or what kind of work you do. For example, I'm a translator or I work at a grocery store. You could also say that you are a student or what subject you are studying. For example, I'm a student at Oxford, and I'm studying English literature.

What brings you here?

This is a question that you might hear at a party, other social gatherings, or maybe even an interview. This question could also be answered in a number of ways. If you are at a party, for example, you could say something like: I'm friends with Steven, and he invited me to come along. If you are asked this question in an interview, you could respond with something like: I had a previous job in this field, and I am hoping to improve my skills.

Ending an Introduction

Not sure how to end your first conversation with someone new? Below you'll find lots of useful phrases to help you do this. Check them out!

It was nice meeting you.

Let's keep in touch.

Let's get together again some time.

Here is my number 584-2453.

Let's go for a coffee sometime.

Do you want to meet up again some time next week?

Take care!

I hope to see you soon.

Here is my card.

It has been a pleasure, we'll speak again soon.

It was nice meeting you

This is normally used at the end of the first conversation between two or more people who are meeting each other for the first time. It is a polite way of showing that you were happy to meet the other person. Someone might respond to this with: It was nice to meet you too.

Let's keep in touch

This is another way of saying Let's stay in contact (with each other). If you like the person or people you just met, you could say this phrase to show that you would like to talk to them again. Afterwards, it might be a good idea to exchange numbers. Somebody might respond to this phrase with: Definitely, let me give you my number.

Here is my number 584-2453

A good way to stay in touch with somebody new is to exchange phone numbers. The right time to do this is at the end of a conversation before you leave each other. Here's a short example of how you could use this phrase: We should get together again next week. Here is my number: 382-65482. In response, you could say something like: Thank you, I'll give you a call on the weekend.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the most important phrases to know when making an introduction in English?

What's your name?

Nice to meet you.

I'd like to introduce Sarah.

What do you do?

Where are you from?

How old are you?

It was nice meeting you.

Let's get together again some time.

How can I introduce myself in English?

Here are two simple ways to introduce yourself to somebody new:

My name is + NAME.

My name is Steven.

My name is Tyler.

My name is Eric.

I'm + NAME.

I'm Tyler.

I'm Steven.

I'm William.

What should I say after introductions?

Introductions are very useful because they are usually at the beginning of a conversation between two or more people who have just met each other for the first time. Once introductions are finished, you could then continue the conversation by asking many different questions like: What kind of work do you do?, What are your hobbies?, Where are you from?, or How old are you?. All of these questions can be used to get to know somebody more, and they are helpful for making new conversational topics.

How do I introduce somebody else in English?

There's a couple different ways you could introduce somebody else. For example:

I'd like to introduce + NAME/PERSON.

I'd like to introduce Sarah.

I'd like to introduce Connor.

I'd like to introduce my brother.

Let me introduce + NAME/PERSON.

Let me introduce my brother, John.

Let me introduce my girlfriend, Luna.

Let me introduce my boss.

This is + NAME/PERSON.

This is David.

This is my sister.

This is my friend, Jacob.



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