

Introducing Yourself and Small Talk in English

Level: A2

Hello and goodbye

Good morning.	Say it to say hello before 12 o'clock.	"Good morning, Mr Lee." "Good morning, Anna."
Hi, I'm Ana.	Say it to say hello and tell your name.	"Hi, I'm Ana." "Hi, Ana. I'm Tom."
Nice to meet you.	Say it when you meet a person for the first time.	"This is my friend, Sam." "Nice to meet you, Sam."
Nice to meet you, too.	Say it to answer when someone says nice to meet you.	"Nice to meet you, Ana." "Nice to meet you, too."
How are you?	Ask it to a person you know. It is a polite question.	"Hi, Leo! How are you?" "I'm fine, thanks."
I'm fine, thanks. And you?	Say it to answer how are you, and ask the same question.	"How are you?" "I'm fine, thanks. And you?"
See you later.	Say it to say goodbye when you will see the person again soon.	"I have class now. See you later!" "Bye, Ben!"

Introducing yourself and other people

Let me introduce myself.	Say it before you tell your name to a new person.	"Let me introduce myself. I'm Rosa."
Call me Alex.	Say it to tell people the short name you like.	"My name is Alexandra, but call me Alex. "
This is my brother, Pablo.	Say it to introduce a person to someone.	"Anna, this is my brother, Pablo. " "Hi, Pablo!"
Do you know my sister?	Ask it to see if two people know each other.	"Do you know my sister?" "No, I don't."
What's your name?	Ask it to know a person's name.	"What's your name?" "My name's Marta."
Sorry, what's your name again?	Ask it when you forget a name.	"Sorry, what's your name again?" "It's Lena."
How do you spell that?	Ask it when you don't know the letters of a word or a name.	"My name is Kasia." "How do you spell that?" "K-A-S-I-A."

Small talk: where and what

Where are you from?	Ask it to know a person's country or city.	"Where are you from?" "I'm from Chile."
I'm from Brazil.	Say it to tell your country or city.	"Where are you from?" "I'm from Brazil."
Where do you live?	Ask it to know where a person's home is.	"Where do you live?" "I live in Lima."

What do you do?	Ask it to know a person's job or study.	"What do you do?" "I'm a nurse."
I'm a student.	Say it to tell your job or your study.	"What do you do?" "I'm a student."
I'm learning English.	Say it to tell people you study English.	"Your English is good!" "Thanks! I'm learning English."
Do you like it here?	Ask it to a person in a new place.	"Do you like it here?" "Yes, I love it."

Mine, yours and yourself

Is this seat free?	Ask it before you sit next to a person.	"Excuse me, is this seat free?" "Yes, please sit down."
Is this bag yours?	Ask it when you find a thing and you want to know the owner.	"Is this bag yours?" "Yes, it's mine. Thank you!"
Yes, it's mine.	Say it when a thing is yours.	"Is this your pen?" "Yes, it's mine."
No, it's hers.	Say it when a thing is not yours. It is a woman's.	"Is this your phone?" "No, it's hers."
Help yourself.	Say it to a guest: take some food or a drink, it is free.	"There is some cake. Help yourself." "Thank you!"
Make yourself at home.	Say it to a guest in your house: be comfortable.	"Come in! Make yourself at home."

Exercise 1: Match the Phrase and the Situation

Match each phrase with the situation.

- Nice to meet you. → _____
- See you later. → _____
- How do you spell that? → _____
- Help yourself. → _____
- Is this seat free? → _____
- What do you do? → _____

You ask about a person's job. You don't know the letters of a name. You meet a person for the first time. You offer food to a guest. You say goodbye and you will see the person soon. You want to sit next to a person.

Exercise 2: What Do You Say?

Choose the best phrase for each situation.

- You meet your friend's mother for the first time. What do you say?
a) Nice to meet you. b) See you later. c) Help yourself.

8. "How are you?" "___"
a) I'm fine, thanks. And you? b) Nice to meet you. c) I'm a nurse.
9. You don't hear a new name well. What do you say?
a) Sorry, what's your name again? b) Where are you from? c) What do you do?
10. "___" "I'm a teacher."
a) What do you do? b) Where do you live? c) How are you?
11. You want to sit next to a person on the bus. What do you say?
a) Is this seat free? b) Nice to meet you. c) See you later.
12. "Where are you from?" "___"
a) I'm from Mexico. b) I'm fine, thanks. c) Nice to meet you.
13. "Is this pen yours?" "Yes, it's ___."
a) me b) my c) mine

Exercise 3: Complete the Dialogue

Type the missing word.

14. "This is my friend, Mia." "Nice to ___ you."
15. "Hi, I'm Pablo. ___ your name?"
16. "Where do you ___?" "I live in Lima."
17. "There is some cake. ___ yourself." (h...)
18. "Is this your phone?" "Yes, it's ___."
19. "Let me ___ myself. I'm Lucia." (i...)

Answer key

Exercise 1: Match the Phrase and the Situation

1. Nice to meet you. → You meet a person for the first time.
2. See you later. → You say goodbye and you will see the person soon.
3. How do you spell that? → You don't know the letters of a name.
4. Help yourself. → You offer food to a guest.
5. Is this seat free? → You want to sit next to a person.
6. What do you do? → You ask about a person's job.

Exercise 2: What Do You Say?

7. a) Nice to meet you.
8. a) I'm fine, thanks. And you?
9. a) Sorry, what's your name again?
10. a) What do you do?
11. a) Is this seat free?
12. a) I'm from Mexico.
13. c) mine

Exercise 3: Complete the Dialogue

14. meet
15. What's / What is
16. live
17. Help
18. mine
19. introduce