**Narrator)** Welcome back to our Kurdish Sorani language course! We're in Topic #1 - Greetings and Introductions, and this is our second lesson. In our last lesson, we learned basic greetings and how to ask how someone is doing. Today, we'll learn how to introduce ourselves and ask for someone's name. By the end of this lesson, you'll be able to tell people your name and ask for others' names. Let's get started!

**Man**) سڵاو!

**Woman**) سڵاو! چۆنی؟

**Man**) باشم، سوپاس. من کاروانم. ناوم کاروانە. ناوت چییە؟

**Woman**) ناوم شیلانە.

**Man**) باشە. سوپاس.

**Woman**) خواحافیز.

**Man**) خواحافیز.

**Narrator)** Let's learn our first new word, which means "I" in Kurdish Sorani. Listen and repeat after the man:

**Man**) من

[pause]

**Man**) من

[pause]

**Narrator)** Great! This is the personal pronoun for "I" in Kurdish Sorani. You'll use this word when talking about yourself.

**Narrator)** Now let's learn the word for "you" in Kurdish Sorani. Listen and repeat after the woman:

**Woman**) تۆ

[pause]

**Woman**) تۆ

[pause]

**Narrator)** Excellent! This is the personal pronoun for "you" in Kurdish Sorani. You'll use this when addressing someone directly.

**Narrator)** We've just learned two important personal pronouns in Kurdish Sorani: "من" meaning "I" and "تۆ" meaning "you". These are used at the beginning of sentences when you want to talk about yourself or address someone else. For example, if you want to say "I am good", you would say "من باشم". Similarly, if you want to say "You are good", you would say "تۆ باشیت". Notice how the ending of the word "باش" changes depending on who we're talking about.

**Narrator)** Let's practice using these pronouns. How would you say "I am good" in Kurdish Sorani?

[pause]

**Man**) من باشم

**Narrator)** And how would you say "You are good"?

[pause]

**Woman**) تۆ باشیت

**Narrator)** Now let's learn the word for "name" in Kurdish Sorani. Listen and repeat after the man:

**Man**) ناو

[pause]

**Man**) ناو

[pause]

**Narrator)** Great! This is an important word we'll use when introducing ourselves or asking for someone's name.

**Narrator)** Now let's learn how to say "my name" in Kurdish Sorani. Listen and repeat after the woman:

**Woman**) ناوم

[pause]

**Woman**) ناوم

[pause]

**Narrator)** Excellent! This word combines "ناو" meaning "name" with the suffix "م" which means "my". So "ناوم" literally means "my name".

**Narrator)** Now let's learn how to say "your name" in Kurdish Sorani. Listen and repeat after the man:

**Man**) ناوت

[pause]

**Man**) ناوت

[pause]

**Narrator)** Great! Similar to "ناوم", this word combines "ناو" meaning "name" with the suffix "ت" which means "your". So "ناوت" literally means "your name".

**Narrator)** We've just learned how possession works in Kurdish Sorani. Instead of using separate words like "my" or "your" as in English, Kurdish Sorani attaches suffixes to nouns. The suffix "م" means "my" and the suffix "ت" means "your". So "ناو" means "name", "ناوم" means "my name", and "ناوت" means "your name". This pattern works with many other nouns as well.

**Narrator)** Now let's learn how to say "what is" in Kurdish Sorani. Listen and repeat after the woman:

**Woman**) چییە

[pause]

**Woman**) چییە

[pause]

**Narrator)** Great! This word is used to ask questions about what something is. It combines the question word "چی" meaning "what" with "یە" which is like "is" in English.

**Narrator)** Now let's learn how to ask "What is your name?" in Kurdish Sorani. Listen and repeat after the man:

**Man**) ناوت چییە؟

[pause]

**Man**) چییە

[pause]

**Man**) چییە

[pause]

**Man**) ناوت

[pause]

**Man**) ناوت

[pause]

**Man**) ناوت چییە؟

[pause]

**Narrator)** Excellent! This phrase combines "ناوت" meaning "your name" with "چییە" meaning "what is". So "ناوت چییە؟" literally asks "your name what is?"

**Narrator)** Now let's learn how to say "My name is..." in Kurdish Sorani. Listen and repeat after the woman:

**Woman**) ناوم شیلانە

[pause]

**Woman**) شیلانە

[pause]

**Woman**) شیلانە

[pause]

**Woman**) ناوم

[pause]

**Woman**) ناوم

[pause]

**Woman**) ناوم شیلانە

[pause]

**Narrator)** Great! In this phrase, "ناوم" means "my name" and "ە" at the end of the name connects your name to the phrase. So "ناوم شیلانە" literally means "my name is Shilan."

**Narrator)** Now let's learn how to say "I am..." followed by your name in Kurdish Sorani. Listen and repeat after the man:

**Man**) من کاروانم

[pause]

**Man**) کاروانم

[pause]

**Man**) کاروانم

[pause]

**Man**) من

[pause]

**Man**) من

[pause]

**Man**) من کاروانم

[pause]

**Narrator)** Excellent! This phrase uses "من" meaning "I" followed by your name and the suffix "م" which connects the pronoun to your name. So "من کاروانم" means "I am Karwan."

**Narrator)** Now let's learn how to say "My name is..., what is your name?" in Kurdish Sorani. Listen and repeat after the woman:

**Woman**) ناوم شیلانە، ناوت چییە؟

[pause]

**Woman**) ناوت چییە

[pause]

**Woman**) ناوت چییە

[pause]

**Woman**) ناوم شیلانە

[pause]

**Woman**) ناوم شیلانە

[pause]

**Woman**) ناوم شیلانە، ناوت چییە؟

[pause]

**Narrator)** Great! This combines the two phrases we just learned: "ناوم شیلانە" meaning "My name is Shilan" and "ناوت چییە؟" meaning "What is your name?"

**Narrator)** We've learned two ways to introduce yourself in Kurdish Sorani. The first way is to say "ناوم" followed by your name and "ە", like "ناوم شیلانە" meaning "My name is Shilan". The second way is to use the pronoun "من" followed by your name and the suffix "م", like "من کاروانم" meaning "I am Karwan". Both ways are commonly used and correct.

**Narrator)** We've learned how to ask someone's name in Kurdish Sorani. The phrase "ناوت چییە؟" combines "ناوت" meaning "your name" with "چییە" meaning "what is". This is the standard way to ask "What is your name?" in Kurdish Sorani.

**Narrator)** What is the Kurdish Sorani word for "I"?

[pause]

**Man**) من

**Narrator)** What is the Kurdish Sorani word for "you"?

[pause]

**Woman**) تۆ

**Narrator)** What is the Kurdish Sorani word for "name"?

[pause]

**Man**) ناو

**Narrator)** How do you say "my name" in Kurdish Sorani?

[pause]

**Woman**) ناوم

**Narrator)** How do you say "your name" in Kurdish Sorani?

[pause]

**Man**) ناوت

**Narrator)** How do you say "what is" in Kurdish Sorani?

[pause]

**Woman**) چییە

**Narrator)** How do you ask "What is your name?" in Kurdish Sorani?

[pause]

**Man**) ناوت چییە؟

**Narrator)** How would you say "My name is John" in Kurdish Sorani?

[pause]

**Man**) ناوم جۆنە

**Narrator)** How would you say "I am Sarah" in Kurdish Sorani?

[pause]

**Woman**) من سارام

**Narrator)** How would you say "My name is David, what is your name?" in Kurdish Sorani?

[pause]

**Man**) ناوم دەیڤیدە، ناوت چییە؟

**Narrator)** Let's review some words from our previous lesson. How do you say "hello" in Kurdish Sorani?

[pause]

**Man**) سڵاو

**Narrator)** After greeting someone with "سڵاو", what would you ask to know how they are doing?

[pause]

**Woman**) چۆنی؟

**Narrator)** And after asking how they are, what would you ask to know their name?

[pause]

**Man**) ناوت چییە؟

**Narrator)** If someone asks "چۆنی؟", how would you respond that you are good?

[pause]

**Woman**) باشم، سوپاس

**Narrator)** And after saying you are good, how would you tell them your name is Maria?

[pause]

**Woman**) ناوم ماریایە

**Narrator)** How do you say "goodbye" in Kurdish Sorani?

[pause]

**Man**) خواحافیز

**Narrator)** In our previous lesson, we learned how to greet someone and say goodbye. Let's practice a complete greeting. How would you say "Hello" followed by "How are you?" in Kurdish Sorani?

[pause]

**Woman**) سڵاو! چۆنی؟

**Narrator)** We also learned how to ask how someone is doing and respond. If someone asks you "چۆنی؟", how would you respond that you are good and then ask for their name?

[pause]

**Man**) باشم، سوپاس. ناوت چییە؟

**Narrator)** How do you express gratitude in Kurdish Sorani?

[pause]

**Woman**) سوپاس

**Narrator)** Now let's combine what we've learned. How would you greet someone and then tell them your name is Alex?

[pause]

**Man**) سڵاو! ناوم ئەلێکسە

**Narrator)** How would you ask someone how they are doing and then ask for their name?

[pause]

**Woman**) چۆنی؟ ناوت چییە؟

**Narrator)** How would you respond that you are good and then introduce yourself as Michael?

[pause]

**Man**) باشم، سوپاس. من مایکڵم

**Narrator)** Let's practice introducing yourself. Imagine you meet someone new. After greeting them, how would you tell them your name is Emma?

[pause]

**Woman**) ناوم ئێمایە

**Narrator)** And how would you introduce yourself as Thomas using the pronoun "من"?

[pause]

**Man**) من تۆماسم

**Narrator)** Now let's practice asking for someone's name. After introducing yourself, how would you ask for their name?

[pause]

**Woman**) ناوت چییە؟

**Narrator)** Let's listen to our dialogue again and see if you can understand everything:

**Man**) سڵاو!

**Woman**) سڵاو! چۆنی؟

**Man**) باشم، سوپاس. من کاروانم. ناوم کاروانە. ناوت چییە؟

**Woman**) ناوم شیلانە.

**Man**) باشە. سوپاس.

**Woman**) خواحافیز.

**Man**) خواحافیز.

**Narrator)** Congratulations! You've now learned how to introduce yourself and ask for someone's name in Kurdish Sorani. You can say "ناوم" followed by your name to tell someone your name, and you can ask "ناوت چییە؟" to find out someone else's name. You've also learned the personal pronouns "من" for "I" and "تۆ" for "you". In our next lesson, we'll learn how to express pleasure at meeting someone new and some polite expressions. See you then!