



Basic Bootcamp

Self Introduction - Basic Greetings in English

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Formal English

Formal

Mr. Anderson Hello, nice to meet you. I'm Hugo Anderson.
Ms. Smith Hi, Mr. Anderson. I'm Kendra Smith, nice to meet you too.
Mr. Anderson Please call me Hugo.

Informal

Hugo Hey, I'm Hugo. How's it going?
Kendra Hi there, I'm Kendra, Anthony's sister.
Hugo So you're his sister! I'm his roommate!

Vocabulary

English	Definition	Class
hello	used to greet somebody	interjection
nice	pleasant; enjoyable	adjective
to meet	to come together	verb
to be	to exist or to exist as	verb
too	also; excessively; very	adverb
please	used for polite requests	adverb
there	in or at that place	adverb
sister	female sibling	noun
roommate	person living in the same room, apartment, or house	noun

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

I said hello when I saw him.

Hello again.

It was a very nice performance—I enjoyed it.

You are not a very nice person.

Nice to meet you.

I forgot to tell you where to meet me.

Meet me at the bus stop.

Please be careful.

I'll be gone for a week.

*He likes her too.
That trip was too fun!
Could you please be quiet?
Please come in.
It's right there.
Stand over there please.
I look like my sister.
I share an apartment with my sister.
My roommate and I always hang out on the weekends.
This is my roommate, John.*

Grammar Points

The Focus of This Lesson Is Self Introduction: Basic Greetings in English.

"Hi, Mr. Anderson, I'm Kendra Smith, nice to meet you too."

Welcome to Basic Bootcamp. This five-part series will help you ease your way into English. We'll go over all the basics that will really help you understand English much more quickly and more easily. And we'll have fun doing it!

In this lesson, you will learn how to introduce yourself. We use today's phrases for self-introductions. We'll be listening to a conversation between two people meeting for the first time.

For Example:

Formal:

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Ms. Smith: Hi, Mr. Anderson. I'm Kendra Smith, nice to meet you too.

Mr. Anderson: Please call me Hugo.

Informal:

Hugo: Hey, I'm Hugo. How's it going?

Kendra: Hi there, I'm Kendra, Anthony's sister.

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Vocabulary

"Hello" vs. "Hi" vs. "Hey"

These three words mean the same thing. "Hello" is more formal than "hi"; however, in many formal situations, it is okay to use "hi." We only use "hey" with informal company.

"Nice to meet you" vs. "How's it going?"

"Nice to meet you" is a standard phrase we say when we meet somebody for the first time. You can reply by using the same phrase and adding "too." You can also say "pleasure" or "pleased to meet you." We use "how's it going" in informal situations, as well as to people you already know instead of asking "how are you?"

"Please call me..."

You can tell the other person what you would like him or her to call you. This is always helpful for both people. Some people prefer others to call them by a nickname, and they will tell you so.

"Anthony's sister"/"I'm his roommate"

Sometimes you can tell the person your relation to somebody he or she might know so that the person can get a better idea of who you are.

Grammar

Now is a good time to know the meaning of the verb "to be." We use this verb to point out the identity of something, and we use it as an auxiliary verb as well.

Cultural Insight

First Impressions

Introductions are first impressions that require both sides to do the right thing. That's why it's important to do them correctly, especially if the occasion is formal. Look in the person's eyes when you talk to him or her, but don't stare for too long. Offering a friendly smile is always helpful as well. Talk in a voice that's audible, but don't shout.

Handshakes

It's common to shake hands with people you meet for the first time, both in formal and informal situations. It's a very old custom that has various stories explaining its origin. Shaking hands requires both parties to do it correctly. If you don't usually shake hands in your country, this might feel odd. Remember to give a light squeeze that's not too strong and not too limp.

Names in English

In general, people call others by their first name, both among friends and also in business. However, there are situations when people address others by "Mr.," "Ms.," "Miss," "Mrs.," "Dr.," "Professor," and so forth. If you are unsure of whom to call what, you can start with "Mr." for men and "Ms." for women, and then the person may tell you to call him or her something else.