

Introducing yourself

Mary and Arnold meet for the first time; they want to introduce themselves to each other and talk to other classmates: Nicole and Peter

Mary: Hi, I am Mary and you?

Arnold: I'm Arnold, nice to meet you Mary.

Mary: Nice to meet you too, Arnold.

Mary: how old are you, Arnold?

Arnold: I'm 22 years old, and you?

Mary: 21. Where do you come from, Arnold?

Arnold: Madrid, Spain. What about you?

Mary: Prague.

Arnold: you speak very good English.

Mary: thank you, I have been studying English for many years.

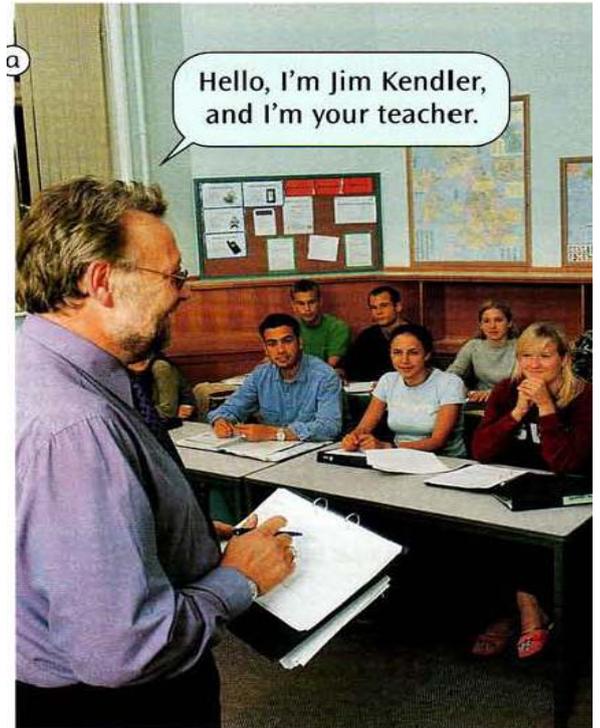
Arnold: how long?

Mary: I think I have been learning English all my life!

Arnold: oh! That's exciting! Anyhow, nice to meet you again, Mary.

Mary: it has been my pleasure to meet you Arnold. Would you mind going to see other classmates?

Arnold: At all. Let's go and get to know them.



Mary and Arnold go to introduce themselves to other classmates.

Mary: hi, I am Mary and this Arnold. Nice to meet you.

Nicole: nice to meet you too Mary and Arnold.

Arnold: where are you from, Nicole?

Nicole: Paris! And you?

Arnold: Madrid.

Nicole: Oh! My brother lives in Spain.

Arnold: where?

Nicole: Madrid, the capital.

Arnold: Oh, so you know many things about Spanish people and culture, right?

Nicole: yep! I am interested in Spanish culture. Now let me introduce my friend Peter. I just met with him a few minutes ago.

Peter: Hi all, nice to meet you.

Mary: nice to meet you peter.

Arnold: nice to meet you peter.

Peter: how old are you Arnold?

Arnold: 22.and you?

Peter: 20. What about Mary?

Mary: I am 21. So, where are you from peter?

Peter: Munich, Germany. And you Mary?

Mary: Prague, Czech Republic.

Peter: oh nice, I hoped to meet someone from Czech Republic.

Mary: but why is this!

Peter: actually, all my friends live in Western Europe and you will be the first friend from Eastern Europe. Besides, my father used to go to Czech Republic when he young.

Mary: so, you know many things about my country, I mean our culture.

Peter: little things, actually.

Mary: anyhow, nice to meet you peter.

Peter: nice to meet you too.

Nicole: now, do you like to sit together to know more about each other?

Arnold: I'm afraid, I should go now. I have some errands to run.

Mary: me too. I should go to the supermarket to buy food stuff.

Peter: well, Nicole if you like we can sit and talk.

Nicole: great! Bye Arnold! Bye Mary.

Arnold: Bye for now.

Mary: bye, peter! Bye Nicole!

Peter: bye.



Vocabulary and structures

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| To introduce yourself | تقدم نفسك لـ | Capital | عاصمة |
| Classmate | زميل الدراسة - الفصل | Spain | أسبانيا |
| How old are you? | كم عمرك | Culture | ثقافة |
| Where do you come from? | من أين أتيت | Prague | براج "عاصمة التشيك" |
| Where are you from | من اين اتيت | Czech Republic | جمهورية التشيك |
| Nice to meet you | سعدت بلقائك | Interested in | مهتم بـ |
| What about you? | ماذا عنك؟ | Yep! | كلمة عامية تعنى نعم |
| Thank you = thanks a lot | شكرا | Actually | فى الواقع - فى حقيقة الامر |
| You are welcome = not at all | العفو | Eastern Europe | اوروبا الشرقية |
| Exciting | مثير - شيق | Western Europe | أوروبا الغربية |
| Would you mind | الا تمانع أن | Errand | مشوار - مهمة |
| Pleasure | سعادة - سرور | Run errand | يعمل مشوار |
| Madrid | مدريد "عاصمة أسبانيا" | I'm afraid | يؤسفنى ان |
| Munich | ميونخ "أحد المدن فى المانيا" | Country | دولة - بلد |
| Someone | شخص ما | I mean | أقصد - اعنى |
| Young | صغير | Me too | وانا ايضا |
| Anyhow | على اية حال | Let's go | هيا بنا نذهب |

Complete the following dialogue:

Mary: good morning

Jack:.....

Mary: How are you doing?

Jack:.....and you?

Mary: I am pretty well.....

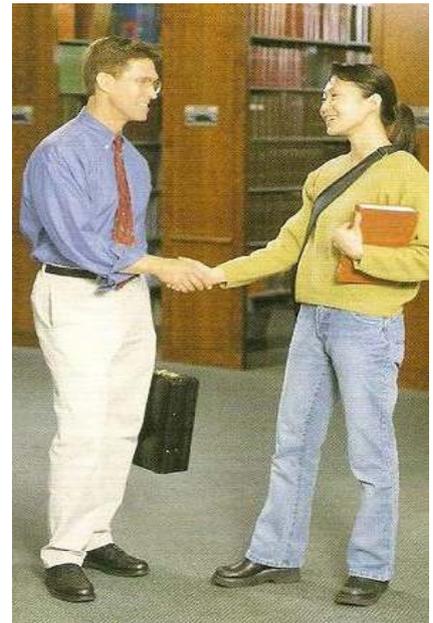
Jack: I'm thirty years old.

Mary:

Jack: I come from United States of America.

Mary: nice to meet you, Jack.

Jack:



English Greetings

First impressions are important, so here's a guide to using the right expression.

Greetings

- **Two friends meeting**

Friends often say "Hi" to each other. Then they often ask a general question, such as "How are you?" or "How are things?" or "How's life?"

The reply to this question is normally positive.

"Fine thanks and you?"

"Fine thanks, what about yourself?"

"Not bad." Or "Can't complain."

- **Greeting people you don't know**

You can use "Hello" with people you don't know, but a more formal greeting is "Good morning / afternoon / evening."

The other person normally replies with the same greeting as you have used and then makes polite conversation, such as "How was your trip?" or "Did you find our office easily?"

Introducing yourself

- **At an informal party**

"Hello, I'm Maria." Or "Hello, my name's Maria."

The reply could be:

"Hi, I'm Sarah." Or "Hello Maria, I'm Sarah." Or "Nice to meet you, I'm Sarah."

- **At work-related events**

"I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Maria."

The reply could be:

"Nice to meet you. I'm Peter Mitchell, from Mitchell Creations."

"Pleased to meet you. I'm Peter Mitchell, from Mitchell Creations." "How do you do? I'm Peter Mitchell from Mitchell Creations."

- **Introducing a friend to a work colleague**

"Sarah, have you met my colleague John?"

"Sarah, I'd like you to meet my colleague John."

Sarah says:

"Pleased to meet you, John." Or "Nice to meet you, John."

John could say:

"Nice to meet you too, Sarah." Or "Hello, Sarah."

- **Introducing clients**

"Mr Mitchell, I'd like to introduce you to my manager, Henry Lewis."

Mr Mitchell could then say:

"How do you do?" and Henry Lewis also says "How do you do?"

Or Mr Mitchell could say:

"Pleased to meet you." Or "Good to meet you."

Speaking Tip

"**How do you do?**" is quite formal for British English speakers and the reply to this question is to repeat the phrase, "**How do you do?**" (as strange as that may sound!)

At a more informal party

When you introduce two of your friends to each other, you can simply say, "John, this is Sarah."

Cultural considerations

At work, one person may have higher status – your boss, or a client, for example. It's polite to address them as Mr / Ms until the situation becomes more informal.

If someone says, "Please call me (Henry)", you know you can use first names. If someone uses your first name, you can use their first name too.

People in European and English-speaking cultures often shake hands when they meet someone for the first time.

* Don't forget to smile! :

1- Put these conversations in orders:



- Hi, Antonia. Nice to meet you.

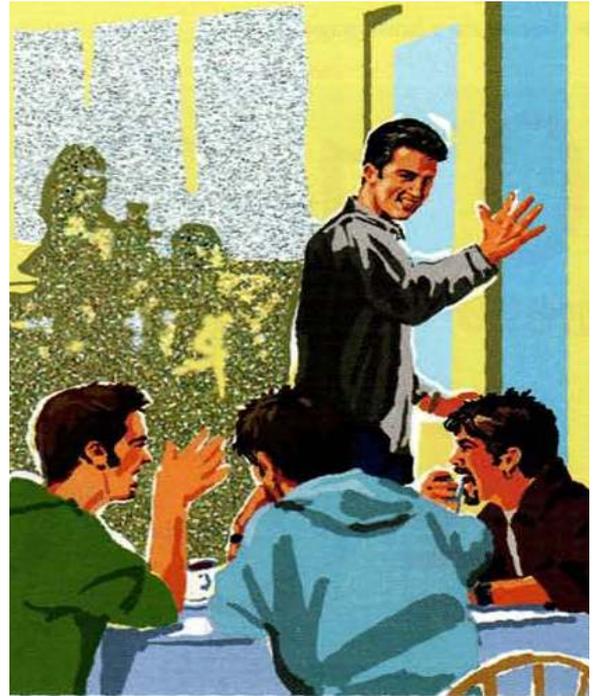
- Paula, this is Antonia.

- Nice to meet you.

- Yes, see you.

- Good bye. .

- Bye Kris , see you later.



- Fine, thank you. And you?

- Hello, Steve.

- Hello, how are you? .

- I am very well, thanks