

LESSON NOTES

Learn German in Three Minutes #1

Self-Introduction

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VOCABULARY

German	English	Class
Schön, dich kennenzulernen.	Nice to meet you.	expression
Sehr erfreut.	Nice to meet you.	expression
ich	I	personal pronoun
guten Tag	good day	expression
heiße	to be called	verb

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Ich hatte letzte Woche so viel zu tun! I was so busy last week!	Ich bin Lisa. I am Lisa.
Guten Tag Herr Dr. Heinrich. Good day doctor Heinrich.	Ich wünsche Ihnen einen guten Tag! Have a good day!
Guten Tag Herr Dr. Heinrich. Good day doctor Heinrich.	Ich heiße Jonas. I am called Jonas. / My name is Jonas.

GRAMMAR

The focus of this lesson is Self Introduction in German

Topic 1: How to Introduce yourself in an informal situation

Sentence from the lesson:

'Hallo, ich heiße Laura. Schön, dich kennen zu lernen'
"Hi, I'm Laura. Nice to meet you."

1. Start by saying: *Hallo, ich heiße ...*
2. Say your name. *Hallo, ich heiße Laura.*
3. You say: *Schön, dich kennenzulernen.*

Topic 2: How to Introduce yourself in a formal situation

Sentence from the lesson:

'*Guten Tag, ich heiße Laura Meier. Schön, Sie kennenzulernen.*'
"Good day, I'm Laura Meier. Nice to meet you."

1. *Hallo* has been substituted with the formal greeting *Guten Tag*, German for "good day."
2. *Ich heiße Laura* has not been changed; *ich heiße* simply means "I am," however during a formal self introduction we also say our last name, so I said *Laura Meier*. Here, you would say your full name.
3. Pay attention to the ending: we went from *DICH kennenzulernen* to *SIE kennenzulernen*. What is changing is the German word for "you." In a formal sentence, we use the more polite word *Sie*.

Language Tip!

When you introduce yourself, it's a good habit to shake hands. If you are not sure whether to use *schön, dich kennenzulernen* or *schön, Sie kennenzulernen* just say simply *sehr erfreut*, as I said at the beginning of this lesson. If you use the correct sentence with German people, they're definitely going to be impressed!