

## LESSON NOTES

# Learn Hungarian in Three Minutes #1 Self Introductions

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# VOCABULARY

Hungarian	English	Class
...vagyok	I am...	phrase
örvendek	nice to meet you, I'm glad	phrase, expression
jó napot kívánok.	good day.	phrase
szia	hello, hi (informal)	interjection

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<b>Szia, rég láttalak.</b> "Hello, haven't seen you for a while."	<b>Szia, hogy vagy?</b> "Hi, how are you?"
<b>Szia, Tomi.</b> "Hi, Tom."	

## GRAMMAR

**The focus of this lesson is Self Introduction in Hungarian**

### Topic 1: How to introduce yourself

Sentence from the lesson:

*Szia, Livia vagyok. Örvendek.*

"Hi, I'm Livia. Nice to meet you."

1. Let's first see how Hungarian people introduce themselves in an \*informal\* situation.  
*Szia, Livia vagyok. Örvendek.*  
"Hi, I'm Livia. Nice to meet you."  
Start by saying: *Szia* then, say your name and then *vagyok*. Finally, say *Örvendek*.
2. Let's see the same sentence in formal speech,  
*Jó napot kívánok, Szöllősi Livia vagyok. Örvendek.*  
"Good day, I'm Livia Szöllősi. Nice to meet you."
3. *Szia* has been substituted with the formal greeting, Hungarian for "good day."  
*Livia vagyok* has not been changed;  
*vagyok* stands in both cases for "I am," however during a formal self introduction we also say our last name, so I said Szöllősi Livia. Here, you would say your full name.  
Note that for Hungarian people family names come first, followed by the given name. However, you don't have to reverse your name when introducing yourself.  
You can say *Örvendek* in both situations.

## Language Tip!

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When you introduce yourself, it's a good habit to shake hands. *Jó napot kívánok* is a very formal expression—sometimes people just say *Jó napot* when greeting each other. Both are polite, so you don't have to worry about making a mistake.