

Elementary - How to Address Someone (B1587)

A: 你认识那个人吗?
nǐ rènshi nà ge rén ma?
Do you know that guy?

B: 不认识。
bù rènshi.
No.

A: 那我应该怎么称呼他?
nà wǒ yīnggāi zěnmē chēnghu tā?
Then how should I address him?

B: 这个，我也不知道。你自己问他吧。
zhè ge, wǒ yě bù zhīdào. nǐ zìjǐ wèn tā ba.
Umm...I don't know. Why don't you ask him yourself?

A: 好吧！您好！
hǎo ba! nínhǎo!
Ok! Hello!

C: 您好！
nínhǎo!
Hello!

A: 您怎么称呼?

nín zěnmē chēnghū?

What should I address you?

C: 我姓江，你就叫我江老师吧。

wǒ xìng Jiāng, nǐ jiù jiào wǒ Jiāng lǎoshī ba.

My surname is Jiang. You can just call me Teacher Jiang.

Key Vocabulary

认识	rènshi	<i>to know (a person)</i>
应该	yīnggāi	<i>should</i>
怎么	zěnmē	<i>how</i>
称呼	chēnghū	<i>to address</i>
也	yě	<i>also</i>
知道	zhīdào	<i>to know</i>
自己	zìjǐ	<i>oneself</i>
问	wèn	<i>to ask</i>
您	nín	<i>you (polite)</i>

姓	xìng	<i>family name</i>
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就	jiù	<i>just</i>
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叫	jiào	<i>to call</i>
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老师	lǎoshī	<i>teacher</i>
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Supplementary Vocabulary

师傅	shīfu	<i>sir, form of address for an older man</i>
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阿姨	āyí	<i>auntie, form of address for an older woman</i>
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名字	míngzi	<i>name</i>
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正式	zhèngshì	<i>formal</i>
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尊敬	zūnjìng	<i>respect</i>
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