

Socializing: A University Student Meets Other People (Part 1)

I. Introducing yourself (formally) to people with whom the relationship is professional

(A) May I introduce myself? I'm Marianne Raynaud. (*Put your name*)

(B) **How do you do, *Mrs. Raynaud. My name is Chris Brown.**

(A) How do you do, **Chris.** (*Chris for Christopher or Christine for instance.*)

The speakers then shake hands but only this first time. To show respect address people as Mr. R... or Mrs. R...

Reminder: "How do you do" is **NEVER** the equivalent of: "How are you?" and if you say "Mr." or "Mrs." you must give the surname (family name).

"How do you do" is quite formal and should be used **only** when you meet some for the **very first time.**

Afterwards, use "How are you?" or "How are you doing?"

2. Introducing yourself (informally): the relationship is non-professional, friendly, same age

(A) Hello. My name is "Chris, Chris Brown". (Use your own first name followed by your **surname**).

(B) I'm pleased to meet you "**Chris**" *or* Pleased to meet you, "**Chris.**" (Only first name here.)

(A) And may I ask you your name?

(B) Certainly! My name is "**Sam Smith**". (*A man's or a woman's name*)

(A) Nice to meet you, "**Sam**". (*You shake hands.*)

(This is the only time you shake hands except to congratulate someone.)

This introduction is followed by questions from both speakers. Use the questions and answers below for a role-play.

Extra information about yourself, e.g.:	Or questions about your new acquaintance:
"I come from..."	"Where do you come from?"
"I've been here for... weeks".	"Where is that?"
"I'm studying at..."	"What are you studying?"
"I've found a room on the campus, in town."	"Is it an advanced course?"
"I'm sharing an apartment with..."	"Do you live close to/far from the university?"
"I'm on my own."	"Do you enjoy living/studying here?"
"I'm really enjoying my stay in..."	"What have you seen of the area?"
"I enjoy going on hikes in the mountains"	"What do you do during your leisure time?"
"I enjoy jogging or to the gym."	"Have you visited...?"
"I'm planning to travel this summer."	"What is your town like?"
"I'd like to spend my holidays abroad."	"Where are you planning to go?"

3. "Introducing someone else to a third person:

"I would like to introduce you to my..." or "I would like you to meet my..." are the two ways to introduce someone to someone else, a friend, colleague, etc. Learn them, memorize them, and use them both correctly!

(A) Hello, **Sam (C)**. I would like **to introduce you to** (or I would **like you to meet**) my friend (colleague, friend, partner, assistant, collaborator), **Chris / Mr. Brown* (B)**.

(B) I'm pleased to meet you, **Sam (C)**. ("Sam" can be short for either "Samuel" or Samantha".)

(C) Pleased to meet you, **Chris / Mr. Brown* (B)**. (* *If the person is older and deserves respect.*)

Use these questions for a role-play, in which **A** introduces **B** to **C**.

<p>You are (C) and (A) has just introduced to (B). Be sure you follow up with <i>polite questions</i> to (C) in order to start off the conversation.</p> <p>"Where do you come from (<i>originally</i>)?" "Have you been here long?" "Where do you live?" "What do you do for a living?" "Do you enjoy the job?"</p>	<p>"Are you a student?" "What exactly are you studying?" "Why did you choose...?" "When did you get here?" "What do you do during your leisure time?" "Are you interested in ... / planning to...?" "Are you a member of...?" "Would you like to...?" "Do you spend your free time drinking? (No, don't take it seriously. I'm only joking!)"</p>
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Everyone: while others are speaking, use these typical English tags (with a rising tone!):

Really? Are you really? Do you really? Did you really? Honestly? My, that's nice! Is that so? You don't say! That's amazing!

(C) Can even extend an invitation to both (A) & (B): "Are either of you free this afternoon to...?" "Would you two like to go out tonight?" "Would you like to go for a coffee?" "Shall we find a restaurant and have dinner?"

<p>If you are (B) and someone (A) has introduced you to another person (C), be sure you answer the questions politely! Here are some suggestions:</p> <p>"I come from..." "I'm (<i>originally</i>) from..." "I've been living here for ... (since...)" "I live at ... in the center of town." "I don't work as yet. I'm still a student." "I'm finding the studies a bit hard." "I belong to a club, an association, a team." "I'm very fond of..."</p>	<p>You (B) should even ask (C) some questions, make comments or give general information to keep up the conversation.</p> <p>"And you, where do you come from?" "Have you always lived here?" "What exactly are you studying?" "It is fun being a student, isn't it?" "What do you mean by <i>finding them hard</i>?" "How long have you been practicing skiing?" "When did you start boxing?" "Have you ever tried fencing?"</p>
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<p>You are (A) and you have introduced (B) to another person (C). You should join in the conversation giving more information about (B):</p> <p>“You told me you were interested in... fond of... crazy about... new at...”</p> <p>“My friend (classmate) (B) is an excellent... skier, tennis player, musician, actor, runner, scuba diver, swimmer, diver, surfer, cyclist, singer, clarinet player, badminton player, computer expert, video game champion, ...”</p>	<p>You (A) can even extend an invitation to both (B) & (C):</p> <p>“Are either of you free this evening?” “Would you be free right now to have a drink?” “Would you like to go for a coffee?” “Shall we find a bar / bistro / café?” “How about getting together sometime?” “Would you two like to go out some evening?” “Would Tuesday be a good day to go out?” “Do you want to do something together?” “I’ll call you, if you give me your number.” “We’re organizing a party on Saturday.” “Would you like to come?”</p>
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4. If time allows, start again in different groups. Each person should have a new role (A), (B) or (C) with each round.