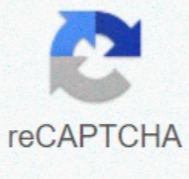




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How to speak my self introduction in english

You might be thinking that you introduce yourself to people all the time, so surely you don't need a guide about it. However, there are ways that you can give a self-introduction to send across the right sort of message. Shuffling into a room and murmuring your name just loud enough to be audible is going to say something quite different than if you strode in with your hand outstretched and your shoulders back. Yes, body language plays a big part in introducing yourself too of course, but language itself is important in conveying the right sort of message to your audience too. First, we'll take a look at what self-introduction is all about, before giving some tips that'll help you introduce yourself more effectively. What is Self-Introduction? What do you say when you meet someone new? Introduce yourself of course! Self-introduction is simply the act of introducing yourself to someone else. You might just be introducing yourself to a new person you have never met before, or you might be introducing yourself to hundreds of people in a conference room. Thankfully, both situations actually require the same sort of language and body language to introduce yourself in a way that is both confident, and clear. The two things you should definitely aim to be when introducing yourself to others. Introducing yourself is much more than saying your name. You need to tell some more information about yourself in English. Introducing yourself to strangers can be tricky because what you say depends on the context, situation (in a job interview, in an email, or give self-introduction in an English class). In this lesson, you will learn how to confidently introduce yourself in English. How to Introduce Yourself General Tips The tips listed here will apply to almost every situation where you need to introduce yourself. We'll get more specific later, but for now, let's focus on the things you can do every time you need to introduce yourself to somebody new: State who you are clearly. Try not to mumble or else the person you're introducing yourself to might have to ask again... and again... and again... until they simply smile and nod without ever knowing what your name is. Be friendly. Even in formal situations, you can be friendly. Saying something like "Hi there, I'm..." with a smile says a lot about you. You seem confident and easy to talk to. If you were in a very formal setting you might say "Hello, I am..." the point is you should introduce yourself in a way that is approachable. Very formal settings might require you to use 'proper' English (no contraction's etc.) but in most other areas shortening words is fine. Know your audience. It doesn't matter if you're speaking to one person or a thousand, knowing your audience is key. Obviously, if you're introducing yourself you don't know the person, but from context you should have an idea about how they are going to be. Meeting the in-laws for the first time probably isn't the best time to tell a joke as you introduce yourself, but meeting a friend of a friend at the bar might be. If you are sitting when you first meet somebody you are going to introduce yourself to, then it's always best to stand if you are able. It's often seen as the polite thing to do, so it's a way that you can use body language to impress the person you are introducing yourself to. Let me introduce myself! Tips For The Student In Class Introducing yourself to a class full of people is universally acknowledged as being people's worst nightmare. That being said, you can make things a lot easier for yourself by following these simple tips: Be prepared. Know that as you head into a new class, you are going to have to say something about yourself, however much you don't want to. So, beforehand have a think about what you might say. Is there a reason you've taken the class? Is there a hobby you've always done that relates to the class? Smile. Everybody in the room is dreading introducing themselves too, so smile and create a relaxed atmosphere in yourself, and others will follow suit and smile too. Look around the room. Trust us, we want to put our eyes to the floor when introducing ourselves to a class too, but take a deep breath and force your eyes up and look around the room at the faces watching you. By doing this, you're already making yourself seem more confident. Speak clearly as you state your name, your reason for being there, and your hobbies, and people will already feel like they know you a little better. How to Introduce Yourself in an Interview Most of what we have discussed is relevant to introducing yourself in a job interview too, but here are a few extra tips: A firm handshake as you enter the room already makes the interviewer think that you are somebody who should be taken seriously. Follow this up with a friendly smile and stating your name and you'll already be off to a great start. Listen! This is so important in interviews. The art of conversation lies predominantly in the gaps between your speeches. Listen with intent so you can answer questions directly. Also, listen so you can adapt. If you think you're going to be the first person to talk as you enter the interview room, but they start speaking first, then let them. Nobody will think bad of you for not speaking first, you'd certainly look a lot worse if you spoke over them the whole time. Also, learn the big five personality traits you can use to define who you are in a job interview. Learn how to answer the most common job interview questions. Self-Introduction Examples Introducing Yourself in Class "Hi, I'm Jane. I'm taking this class because Art History has always been something I've been fascinated by, ever since I started taking trips to art galleries as a little girl, and I'm basically just excited to learn a little more. Simply saying something like this with a smile, will be all the introduction you need. Self-Introduction in Interview Something similar to this would work well in answer to that dreaded "Tell me about yourself" question that interviewers love so much. "Hi, I'm Jane Smith. I've always been passionate about Art, and I actually majored in Art History at college last year. Ever since, I've been pursuing my dream of becoming an Art handler so I can really work in an area I know a great deal about. So when I saw your job advertisement I couldn't stop myself from applying." Here you've introduced yourself clearly, told them exactly what your interests are, and sold yourself as the ideal person for the job. Networking "Hi, I'm Jane Smith. I help restore and preserve art. Just last week I actually worked on 'The White Bridge' by John Smith and I've led various projects throughout the years too. What I'm looking for now is to move into an area of Art where I have opportunities to create art of my own, as well as preserve other people's. Do you have any thoughts about how I might achieve that?" In networking it's important to state what you do, what you've done, and what you want to do. Networking is all about introducing who you are in a way that can show you off as a resource to others, but somebody who is open to new connections to help achieve what you want too. These are very specific examples, but if you include the tips we have pointed out above too, you'll see that introducing yourself really doesn't have to be hard. Be confident, speak clearly, and know what you might say, and you've already won half the battle. Introduce Yourself | Samples Introduce Your Name Question: What's your name? Answers: My name is .../ I'm ... My full/ first/ last name is ... You can call me .../ They call me .../ Please call me .../ Everyone calls me ... My nickname is ... Introduce Your Country Questions: Where are you from?/ Where do you come from? Where were you born? Answers: I'm from .../ I hail from .../ I come from .../ My hometown is .../ I'm originally from ... (country) I'm ... (nationality) I was born in ... Introduce Your Address Question: Where do you live?/ What's your address? Answers: I live in .../ My address is ... (city) I live on ... (name) street I live at ... I spent most of my life in ... I have lived in ... for/ since ... I grew up in ... Introduce Your Age Question: How old are you? Answers: I'm ... years old. I'm ... I'm over/ almost/ nearly ... I am around your age. I'm in my early twenties/ late thirties. Introduce Your Family Questions: How many people are there in your family? Who do you live with?/ With whom do you live? Do you have any siblings? Answers: There are ... (number) people in my family. They are ... There are ... (number) of us in my family. My family has ... (number) people. I live with my ... I am the only child. I don't have any siblings. I have ... brothers and ... (number) sister. Introduce Your Birthday/Phone number Questions: What is your date of birth?/ When is your birthday? What is your phone number? Answers: My birthday is on ... My phone number is ... Introduce Your Jobs Questions: What do you do?/ What do you do for living?/ What's your job?/ What sort of work do you do?/ What line of work are you in? What did you want to be when you grew up? Answers: I am a/ an ... I work as a/ an ... I work for (company) ... as a/ an ... I'm unemployed./ I am out of work./ I have been made redundant./ I am between jobs. I earn my living as a/ an ... I am looking for a job. / I am looking for work. I'm retired. I would like to be a/ an .../ I want to be a/ an ... I used to work as a/ an ... at ... (places) I just started as ... in the ... department. I work in/at a ... (places) I have been working in ... (city) for ... years. Useful jobs for self-introduction: teacher, nurse, secretary, manager, cleaner, policeman, builder, engineer, businessman, firefighter, postman, doctor, architect, farmer, ... Useful places: bank, factory, supermarket, museum, hospital, shop, gallery, ... Self Introduction Sample! How to Introduce Yourself in English - Image 2 Introduce Your Hobbies Questions: What's your hobby?/ What do you like?/ What do you like to do?/ What's your favorite ... ? Answers: I like/ love/ enjoy/ ... (sports/ movies/ ...) I am interested in ... I am good at ... My hobby is .../ I am interesting in ... My hobbies are .../ My hobby is ... My favorite sport is ... My favorite color is ... I have a passion for ... My favorite place is ... I sometimes go to ... (places), I like it because ... I don't like/ dislike/ hate ... My favorite food/drink is ... My favorite singer/ band is ... My favorite day of the week is ... because ... Because: (self-introduction sample) there are many things to see and do This is one of the most beautiful places I have been visited. I can relax there it's relaxing/ popular/ nice/ ... Hobbies - Free time activities for self-introduction. Reading, painting, drawing Playing computer games Surfing the Internet Collecting stamps/ coins/ ... Going to the cinema Playing with friends Chatting with best friends Going to the park/ beach/ zoo/ museum ... Listening to music Shopping, singing, dancing, travelling, camping, hiking, ... Movies: action movies, comedy, romance, horror, document, thriller, cartoons, ... Sports: volleyball, badminton, tennis, yoga, cycling, running, fishing, ... Questions: What do you like doing in your free time?/ What do you do in your spare time? Answers: In my free time, I like ... I like ... when I'm free. At weekends I sometimes go to ... (places) Introduce Your Education Questions: Where do you study?/ What do you study?/ What is your major? Answers: I'm a student at ... (school) I study at .../ I am at .../ I go to ... (school) I study ... (majors) My major is ... Majors in English: accounting, advertising, arts, biology, economics, history, humanities, marketing, journalism, sociology, philosophy, ... Questions: How do you study English? Do you speak English? How long have you been learning English?/ How long have you learned English? Answers: I study English because ... I can speak English very well. I've been learning English for/ since ... I can express myself and communicate in English. Because: (self-introduction sample) I like it a lot I love it. I think it's important I have to It's very important and necessary. I want to learn more about this language. I love to improve my English skills. Questions: Which grade are you in? Which year are you in? I'm in ... grade. I'm in my first/ second/ third/ final year. I am a freshman. I graduated from .../ My previous school was ... Question: What's your favorite subject? Answers: My favorite subject is ... I am good at ... (subjects) Subjects: Maths, English, Physics, Physical Education, Science, Music, ... Introduce Your Marital status Questions: What is your marital status? Are you married? Do you have a boyfriend/ girlfriend? Answers: I'm married/ single/ engaged/ divorced. I'm not seeing/ dating anyone. I'm not ready for a serious relationship. I'm going out with a ... (someone) I'm in a relationship./ I'm in an open relationship. It's complicated. I have a boyfriend/ girlfriend/ lover/ ... I'm in love with ... (someone) I'm going through a divorce. I have a husband/ wife. I'm a happily married man/ woman. I have a happy/ unhappy marriage. My wife/ husband and I, we're separated. I am available. I haven't found what I'm looking for. I'm ready for a rebound relationship. I'm a widow/ widower. I'm still looking for the one. I (don't) have ... (number) children. Introduce Your Personality Traits I am a ... person/ I'm ... (character & personality) My best quality is ... (character & personality) Character & Personality for self-introduction: brave, calm, gentle, courteous, creative, hard-working, rude, unfriendly, unreliable, lazy, stingy, insensitive, ... Also learn an extensive list of adjectives to describe yourself. Others I've got a ... (pet) My best friend's name is ... I (don't) have ... (number) international friends. My dream is ... Pets: dog, puppy, mouse, rabbit, cat, goldfish, ... Self-Introduction Samples How to Introduce Yourself Casually | Self Introduction Self-Introduction Samples for Students Let Me Introduce Myself! Learn how to introduce yourself in an English class. How to Introduce Yourself | Video Guide Learn how to give self-introduction in English with video lesson. Do you know how to introduce yourself in English? You'll learn how today, but first, let me tell you a story about myself when I was learning French. I used to be shy when I spoke French. I had no idea what to say when I met someone new, especially in a new job. "Bonjour, je m'appelle Christina." And then...? Do I say where I'm from? (so they know why I make so many mistakes with masculine / feminine in French...) Do I talk about my job? Do I say my age? And what tenses do I need to use? Index: How to Introduce Yourself in English - What You'll Learn: Do You Find it Difficult to Introduce Yourself in English? It should be easy to say 3 lines about yourself. After all, you know yourself better than anyone else. When you introduce yourself in English, the vocabulary isn't very complex. You usually know the words. So it's easy to introduce yourself in English, right? No, not always. It's difficult to talk about yourself. (As Alanis Morissette once said, "Isn't it ironic?") Why not? Well, because you don't always know what to include. If you're starting at a new company, maybe you feel a little timid. And when you don't feel comfortable, you make more mistakes. That's normal. Here are some typical mistakes that I hear ALL the time. All. The. Time. "Hi, My name is Aurélie, I'm 36 years old. I'm a finance manager. I have worked at HP for 4 years. I have two children." Whaaaaaat? Can you see what's wrong with this introduction? If you do, tell me in the comments! We'll see if we have the same ideas How to Introduce Yourself in English in 4 Easy Steps So, how do you introduce yourself in English correctly? It's easier than you think. Let's take a look. All you need for the start are these 4 steps. Step 1: Say your name (OK, that's obvious...) Start with your name and your job or your department. Simple really. You can just say "Hi, I'm (first name) and I just started as a (job title) in the (name of your department) department." For example: Hi, I'm Bruno and I just started as a sales consultant in the marketing department. Step 2: Share some relevant information about yourself It's polite and friendly to give some information about yourself. You don't want to just ask questions. Small talk is like a ping pong game. Sometimes you ask questions, sometimes you give information. You can say something about your previous job. For example: Before this, I used to work as a solutions manager at Orange. Step 3: Tell more about yourself We want to know more about you! Tell us how long you've been working in your field, for example. For this, you'll need the present perfect continuous tense. For example: I've been working in the telecom industry for about 12 years now. Step 4: Ping pong time!* *watch the video to understand that reference And then you can give the "conversation ball" back to the other person. A simple question like "What about you, what do you do?" is good if you haven't already talked about the subject. Other options: And how long have you been working here? And how does this place compare to other companies you've worked for? How did you get into (the field the other person works in: finance, tourism, etc.)? Let the conversation develop. Relax and enjoy it. Even if you make mistakes in English, the objective is to create a connection with the other person. Self-Introduction in English Class You are starting your (first) English class soon and don't know the best way to introduce yourself in class? I would like to show you a few easy examples of a self-introduction in this specific situation. Hi, I am Maria. I come from New Delhi in India and just started as an Au pair in New York. Hi, my name is Tom and I am about to start my exchange semester. I will be a student at UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles). How to Introduce Yourself in an Interview Another difficult situation where you need to introduce yourself is a job interview. Who doesn't fear the question: "Please introduce yourself in English"? To prepare yourself for this, these short examples might be helpful for you: Good morning, my name is Sebastian Clark. I'm here for the 10 a.m. job interview for the online marketing manager role. Hello, I am Natalie. Nice to meet you in person. (if you have already talked to the person before via email or phone) Icebreaker Sentences That You Can Start the Conversation Off With Now that you know how to introduce yourself in English and how a conversation works, the next step is to actively start a conversation with someone. Sounds difficult? I got you covered! To help you with this, here are a few icebreaker sentences for starting the conversation. They are useful in many situations: in the office, at school or everywhere else. Just try them out. What kind of drink is that? (everyone likes to talk about drinks and food) I like your name. Are you named after someone? (works especially well in situations where people wear name tags) How are you doing today? (simple but effective) Who is your role model? (doesn't matter whether it's an uncle or a superstar, this question requires some thinking before giving an answer) What is your favorite thing about your hometown? (good memories often can build a positive start to a conversation) If you had to use a fake name, which one would you choose? (demands creativity and is very likely to turn over to a funny conversation start) If you had to be a chocolate bar, what kind would you like to be? (everyone likes chocolate and this question is so absurd that your conversation partner will remember it for sure) Do you have more icebreaker sentences that work well for you? Share them in the comments! Remember: Small Talk Starts with Introducing Yourself. But It's Just the Beginning! After you introduce yourself in English, you actually have to talk about something: Your experience, your projects, your weekend, I don't know! That's small talk. You talk about anything and everything! Practice the vocabulary and expressions you need to make fluent small talk. Let me coach you! My Small Talk Conversation Coaching Program is perfect to help you feel more fluent and make conversation easier in English. Click here to get more information. You can start practicing right now! Introduce yourself. It's easy for you now! Plus, you know me, but maybe I don't know you! And I really would like to get to know you better. So I'm looking forward to "meeting you" in the comments below. Warmest wishes, Christina P.S. If you have any doubts about your CV in English, I will have a surprise for you on Thursday, but only if you're a subscribed member of the Speak English Community. Click here to join us!

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