

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Basic Bootcamp S1 #1

Self Introductions - Basic Greetings in Afrikaans

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INTRO

Eric: Hi everyone, Eric here, and welcome to AfrikaansPod101.com. This is Basic Bootcamp Lesson 1 - Basic Greetings in Afrikaans. This is the first in a five-part series that will help you ease your way into Afrikaans.

Pieter: Hallo, my naam is Pieter. I'm Pieter! Now, the idea of a boot camp calls to mind sweating and toil. But our boot camp is different!

Eric: In this lesson, you'll learn how to introduce yourself and ask someone their name!

Pieter: The conversation takes a place on a street between strangers.

Eric: They use polite Afrikaans. Let's listen to the conversation.

LESSON CONVERSATION

Pieter: Hallo. My naam is Pieter. Wat is jou naam?

Zani: Hallo Pieter. My naam is Zani.

Pieter: Dis gaaf om jou te ontmoet!

Zani: Jou ook.

Eric: Let's hear the conversation one time slowly.

Pieter: Hallo. My naam is Pieter. Wat is jou naam?

Zani: Hallo Pieter. My naam is Zani.

Pieter: Dis gaaf om jou te ontmoet!

Zani: Jou ook.

Eric: And now with the translation.

Pieter: Hallo. My naam is Pieter. Wat is jou naam?

Eric: Hello. My name is Pieter. What's your name?

Zani: Hallo Pieter. My naam is Zani.

Eric: Hello Pieter. My name is Zani.

Pieter: Dis gaaf om jou te ontmoet!

Eric: Nice to meet you!

Female: Jou ook.

Eric: You too.

POST CONVERSATION BANTER

Eric: So Pieter, what do people in South Africa do when they first meet? Like, is there any sort of custom?

Pieter: For the first time, it's customary for both men and women to shake hands.

Eric: I'd say that shaking hands is a must in South Africa.

Pieter: Yeah, but once you become friendlier with South Africans, we hug or sometimes kiss each other on the cheeks.

Eric: How many times are we supposed to kiss?

Pieter: We kiss each other once or twice - right, and left.

Eric: How about in a business situation?

Pieter: No kissing, a handshake is your best bet.

Eric: Sounds easy enough! Now onto the vocab.

VOCABULARY AND PHRASES

Eric: Let's take a look at the vocabulary for this lesson. First we have:

Pieter: hallo [natural native speed]

Eric: hello (informal, answering the phone)

Pieter: hallo [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Pieter: hallo [natural native speed]

: Next:

Pieter: jy [natural native speed]

Eric: you (informal)

Pieter: jy [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Pieter: jy [natural native speed]

: Next:

Pieter: dis [natural native speed]

Eric: it's

Pieter: dis [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Pieter: dis [natural native speed]

: Next:

Pieter: gaaf [natural native speed]

Eric: nice

Pieter: gaaf [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Pieter: gaaf [natural native speed]

: Next:

Pieter: om ... te [natural native speed]

Eric: to

Pieter: om ... te [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Pieter: om ... te [natural native speed]

: Next:

Pieter: jou [natural native speed]

Eric: you

Pieter: jou [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Pieter: jou [natural native speed]

: Next:

Pieter: ontmoet [natural native speed]

Eric: meet

Pieter: ontmoet [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Pieter: ontmoet [natural native speed]

: Next:

Pieter: ook [natural native speed]

Eric: too

Pieter: ook [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Pieter: ook [natural native speed]

: Next:

Pieter: wat [natural native speed]

Eric: what

Pieter: wat [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Pieter: wat [natural native speed]

: Next:

Pieter: jou [natural native speed]

Eric: your

Pieter: jou [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Pieter: jou [natural native speed]

: And last:

Pieter: naam [natural native speed]

Eric: name

Pieter: naam [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Pieter: naam [natural native speed]

KEY VOCABULARY AND PHRASES

Eric: Let's take a closer look at the usage for some of the words and phrases from this lesson. Our first word here is "hello".

Pieter: In Afrikaans, that's Hallo.

Eric: Wait a minute. That sounds very similar to English to me.

Pieter: Yes, you're right. Hallo is only slightly different from the English hello. Just replace the "e" with an "a" sound.

Eric: Listeners, listen and repeat this word.

Pieter: Hallo (3 second pause). Hallo

Eric: Great. In the conversation, we also heard "It's nice to meet you".

Pieter: Right. In Afrikaans, that is Dis gaaf om jou te ontmoet.

Eric: Let's break down this phrase a bit.

Pieter: Dis means "it's."

Eric: And the second word...

Pieter: gaaf

Eric: Which means "nice", and the last bit.

Pieter: om jou te ontmoet

Eric: It means, "to meet you". Listeners, listen and repeat-

Pieter: Dis gaaf om jou te ontmoet (10 seconds) Dis gaaf om jou te ontmoet

Eric: Now that you've said that naturally, I can't help but want to respond with "You too". What's that in Afrikaans? Listeners, don't forget to repeat after Pieter!

Pieter: It's Jou ook (3 seconds) jou ook

Eric: Now that wasn't so difficult, was it? Hope everyone isn't getting too overheated in the boot camp. Maybe it's time for some push-ups.

Pieter: I think I could use some; I'm getting a little out of shape.

Eric: (laughs) Okay, let's move on to the grammar section.

LESSON FOCUS

Eric: The focus of this lesson is asking someone his or her name. Pieter, what if your companion is, for some reason, hesitant to introduce themselves?

Pieter: Well, it's okay to be a little aggressive in your desire to get to know them.

Eric: Yeah, just go ahead and ask their name yourself!

Pieter: Using the question Wat is jou naam?

Pieter: The first word is Wat

Eric: Which means "What". Let's hear it one time again slowly.

Pieter: Wat

Eric: And one time again fast. Listeners, repeat after Pieter

Pieter: Wat

Eric: Next

Pieter: is

Eric: Which means "is." Listeners, listen to it slowly.

Pieter: is

Eric: And fast again. Listeners, repeat after Pieter

Pieter: is

Eric: Next is...

Pieter: jou

Eric: Which means "your." We've heard this one before, but let's hear it slowly one more time.

Pieter: jou

Eric: And one more time fast.

Pieter: jou

Eric: And finally..

Pieter: naam

Eric: "name" So all together the question is:

Pieter: Wat is jou naam?

Eric: Listeners, listen to the phrase, and repeat it out loud.

Pieter: Wat is jou naam? {pause} Wat is jou naam?

Eric: Not too hard for our first boot camp lesson, right?

Pieter: No, it isn't. And if you just use this little bit of Afrikaans, you'll already have gone a long way towards impressing anyone you might meet in South Africa.

Eric: That's right. There's no better way to signal your interest and respect for the culture than to try speak a little bit of the language, even if you only know the basics.

OUTRO

Eric: Well, that's all for this lesson.

Pieter: Thanks for listening. Goeie Dag!

Eric: See you!