

LESSON NOTES

Learn Afrikaans in Three Minutes #1 Introducing Yourself

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The focus of this lesson is Introducing Yourself

Topic 1: How introduce yourself casually

Sentence from the Lesson:

Hallo, Ek is Annemarie. Aangename kennis.

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

Let's first see how Afrikaner people introduce themselves in a casual situation.

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Start by saying *Hallo, Ek is...* Then, say your name. For example, *Hallo, Ek is Annemarie.* Finally, say *Aangename kennis.*

Again, altogether it is:

Hallo, Ek is Annemarie. Aangename kennis.

Topic 2: How to introduce yourself formally

Sentence from the Lesson:

Goeie dag, ek is Annemarie Luck. Aangename kennis.

"Good day, I am Annemarie Luck. Pleasure to meet you"

What has actually changed from the previous introduction?

Let's take a closer look at these expressions together.

Hallo has been substituted with the formal greeting *Goeie dag*, which is Afrikaans for "good day".

Ek is Annemarie has not been changed; *ek is* simply means "I am called", however during a formal self introduction we also say our last name, so I said *Annemarie Luck*. Here, you would say your full name.

Tip

When you introduce yourself, it's a good habit to shake hands, usually with a short but firm handshake.

If you are not sure whether to use *Hallo* or *Goeie dag*, just say *Hallo*, as this expression can be used in all introductions.

If you use the correct sentence with a friendly smile and a good handshake, Afrikaners will definitely be impressed!