

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Learn Afrikaans in Three Minutes #1 Introducing Yourself

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Hallo, Ek is Annemarie. Aangename kennis. Hi, I'm Annemarie. Nice to meet you.

In this series, we're going to learn basic Afrikaans expressions. It's super easy, and it only takes three minutes!

In this lesson, you're going to learn how to introduce yourself in Afrikaans. We'll start speaking right away, but first it's important to clarify that in Afrikaans there are different greetings depending on the situation.

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

Hallo, Ek is Annemarie. Aangename kennis. Hi, I'm Annemarie. Nice to meet you.

[slowly] Hallo, Ek is Annemarie. Aangename kennis

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.

Now, let's see the same sentence in a more formal context.

Goeie dag, ek is Annemarie Luck. Aangename kennis. "Good day, I am Annemarie Luck. Pleasure to meet you."

[slowly] Goeie Dag, ek is Annemarie Luck. Aangename kennis.

Let's try that again.

"GGG" Try pronouncing it from the back of your throat. Goeie Dag.

Goeie Dag, ek is Annemarie Luck. Aangename kennis.

So, 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.

One more time - The informal way to introduce yourself in Afrikaans is Hallo, ek is Annemarie. Aangename kennis.

The more formal way to introduce yourself is Goeie dag, ek is Annemarie Luck. Aangename kennis.

Now it's time for Annemarie's Tips.

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!

That's it for this lesson! Do you know how we say "thank you" in Afrikaans? You'll learn how to say this and many other words in the next "Afrikaans in 3 minuten" lesson. Lekker dag!