

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

### 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 will then shake hands. but only this first time. To show respect you address people as Mr. R... or Mrs. R... \**

**Reminder:** "How do you do" is **NEVER** the equivalent of: "How are you?" **\*always Mr.+ 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?"

### Introducing yourself (Informally): relationship is nonprofessional, friendly-same age

- (A) Hello. My name is " Chris, Chris Brown". (Use your own 1st name followed by your **surname**).  
 (B) I'm pleased to meet you " **Chris** " or Pleased to meet you " **Chris** “. (Only 1st 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:

<p><b>Extra information about yourself:</b>          "I come from ...",          "I've been here for ....weeks".          "I'm studying at .....",          "I've found a room at ....(on the campus)",          "I'm sharing an apartment with..."          "I'm really enjoying my stay in ...."          "I enjoy going on hikes in the mountains or running."</p>	<p><b>Or questions about your new acquaintance:</b>          "Where do you come from?"          "What are you studying?"          "Do you live close to / far from the university?"          "Do you enjoy living/studying here?"          "What have you seen of the area?"          "What do you do during your leisure time?"          "Have you visited...?" "What is <b>your</b> town like?"</p>
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### Introducing someone else to a third person:

"I would like to introduce you to...." or "I would like you to meet....." are the two translations of "Je vous présente mon ami / collègue ...". 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.)

<p><b>You are (C)</b> and you have been introduced to <b>(B)</b> by <b>(A)</b>. <b>Now be sure</b> you follow up with <b>polite questions</b> to start off the conversation.          "Where do you come from (<i>originally</i>)?"          "Have you been here long?"          "Where do you live?"          "What do you do for a living?"          "Are you a student?"</p>	<p>"What are you studying?"          "Why did you choose...?"          "When did you get here?"          "Are you interested in .../ planning to ...?"          "What do you do during your leisure time?"          "Do you spend your free time drinking? No! Don't take it seriously. I'm Just a 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?"

**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:  
"I come from..." / "I'm (*originally*) 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, because I'm very fond of ..."

You (B) should even ask (C) some questions or give general information to keep up the conversation.

"And you, where do you come from?"  
"Have you always lived here?"  
"It is fun being a student, isn't it?"

**You are (A)** and you have introduced (B) to another person (C). You should join in the conversation **giving information about (B):**  
You told me you were interested in... / fond of... / crazy about... / new at...  
My friend (classmate) (B) is an excellent skier, tennis player, musician, runner, scuba diver...

**You (A) can even extend an invitation to both (B) & (C):**  
"Are either of you free this right now to...?"  
"Would you two like to go out some evening?"  
"Would you like to go for a coffee?"  
"Shall we find a bar /bistro/ café and have a drink?"

***If time allows start again in different groups. Each person should have a new role (A), (B) or (C).***