

LESSON NOTES

Learn Urdu in Three Minutes #1 Self Introductions

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GRAMMAR

The focus of this lesson is Self Introductions

Topic 1: How introduce yourself

Sentence from the Lesson:

السلام علیکم۔ میرا نام افراح ہے۔

Assalam u Alaikum. Meraa naam Afrah hai.

"Hi, my name is Afrah. Nice to meet you."

Let's take a closer look.

First is the phrase, *Assalam u Alaikum*

Assalam u Alaikum in Urdu is equivalent to "hello."

Next is *mera* meaning "my." This is a way to refer to yourself which can be used by both men and women.

Next we have *naam* meaning "name."

Then you say your name.

And finally we have *hai*

hai is attached to the end of the sentence, and literally means "to exist."

In the first sentence, we have the construction *Mera + Naam + (your name) + Hai.*

The structure of simple Urdu sentences is different from English. In Urdu, the word order is Subject, Object, Verb.

Topic 2: How to Say "Nice to meet you"

Sentence from the Lesson:

آپ سے مل کر خوشی ہوئی۔

Aap se milkar khushi hui.

"Nice to meet you."

The second sentence we have is *aap se milkar khushi hui*.

Aap se milkar khushi hui can be used by both men and women. It means,

"Nice to meet you." It is used when meeting someone for the first time.

Tip

Pakistani people do generally shake hands with people of the same gender and often hug them as well. If you are unsure, just say *Assalam u Alaikum* and shake hands with people of the same gender as you. However, in a business situation, you might refrain from shaking hands.