

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Learn Urdu in Three Minutes #1 Self Introductions

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Assalam u Alaikum mera naam Afrah hai. aap se milkar khushi hui.

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

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

In this lesson, you're going to learn how to introduce yourself in Urdu. There are only two sentences you need to know.

Assalam u Alaikum. Meraa naam Afrah hai. Aap se milkar khushi hui.

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

Start by saying Assalam u Alaikum. Then, say meraa naam then 'your name', and then say hai.

Please repeat after me.

(slow) Assalam u Alaikum. Meraa naam, your name, hai.

Finally, say Aap se milkar khushi hui.

(slow) Aap se milkar khushi hui.

Together we have: Assalam u Alaikum. Meraa naam Afrah hai. aap se milkar khushi hui.

Let's take a closer look at the first sentence.

First is the phrase, Assalam u Alaikum

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

Next is meraa 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.

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.

(slow) Aap se milkar khushi hui.

Aap se milkar khushi hui.

Now it's time for Afrah's Advice.

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.

Do you know how we say "thank you" in Urdu? You'll learn how to say this and many other words in the next lesson. Phir milenge. See you then!