

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Learn Hindi in Three Minutes #1

Self Introductions

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namasTe meraa naam preranaa hai. aap se milkar khushi hui.

Hi, My name is Prerana. Nice to meet you.

Welcome to HindiPod101.com's "3 minat mein Hindi". The fastest, easiest, and most fun way to learn Hindi.

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

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

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Hi, My name is Prerana. Nice to meet you.

Start by saying: namasTe.... then, say meraa naam then 'your name', and then say hai.

Please repeat after me.

namasTe [pause] meraa [pause] naam [pause] prerana [pause] hai [pause]

Finally, say aap [pause] se [pause] milkar [pause] khushi [pause] hui[pause]

Together we have: namasTe | meraa naam prerana hai| aap se milkar khushi hui |

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

The first word is namasTe

namaste in Hindi is equivalent to "hello," which can be used at any time of the day.

Next is meraa

The word meraa means "my." This is a way to refer to yourself which can be used by both men and women.

Next we have naam

The word naam means "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 Hindi sentences is different from English. In Hindi 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 Prerana's Points.

Indian people don't generally shake hands -

you are better off using the namaste gesture. However, in a business situation, you might want to use a handshake. Shaking hands is more common in big cities and where western customs are more familiar.

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