



Hi, I'm Michiko.

1. Practice this conversation with a partner. Then practice it again using your own name.

A: Hi, I'm Michiko.

B: Hi, Michiko. I'm Kazuhiro.

A: Nice to meet you, Kazuhiro.

B: Nice to meet you, too.

2. Practice this conversation with a partner. Then practice it again using an English name from the box.

A: Hello, I'm Sue.

B: Hi, Sue. I'm Mike.

A: Nice to meet you, Mike.

B: Nice to meet you, too.

3. Practice this conversation with a partner using the names in the box.

A: What's Sue short for?

B: Uh, Susan. What's Bill short for?

A: It's short for William.

Names and Nicknames

Girls' names

Susan = Sue

Patricia = Pat

Christine = Chris

Jennifer = Jenny

Boys' names

Michael = Mike

William = Bill

Robert = Bob

James = Jim

4. Practice this conversation with a partner. Then practice it again using your own name and nickname. If you don't have a nickname, make one up.

A: Hi, I'm Michiko.

B: Hi, Michiko. I'm Kazuhiro.

My friends call me Kaz.

A: Nice to meet you, Kaz.

5. Form a group of three or four classmates and practice this conversation with everyone in your group. Substitute your group members' names for the underlined names.

A: I'm sorry, but I forgot your name.

B: It's Yoshihiro.

A: Oh, right. Yoshihiro.

B: Please call me Yoshi.



6. Practice this conversation in your group. Then practice it again several times using your group members' names.

A: Hiroshi, this is Tomoe and Masato.

B: Hi, nice to meet you.

C/D: Nice to meet you, too, Hiroshi.



7. Here are the names of some common university majors (senko) in English. Write the Japanese words for the majors on the lines. Write your major, too.

economics _____ law _____ sociology _____
psychology _____ music _____ medicine _____
marketing _____ French _____ physics _____
(your major) _____

8. Practice this conversation with a partner several times using the majors in Activity 7. Then practice it again using your real name and major.

A: Hi, my name's Jun.
B: Hi, Jun. I'm Yoko.
A: What do you do?
B: Uh, I'm a student. My major is economics.
How about you?
A: I study at a university in Osaka.
B: Really? Which one?
A: Kansai University.
B: What's your major?
A: My major is French.

Common Error

Remember: In English, a person's family name comes last.

Example: Tom Wilson

Also remember: We only use Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss with the family name.

Wrong: Hello, Mr. Tom.

Right: Hello, Mr. Wilson.

9. **Listening:** Japanese often have trouble hearing some English sounds like b/v, l/r, w, and z. Listen and write the words you hear on the lines below. Then listen again as the words are spelled out for you. How many did you get correct?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

10.

First, practice this conversation with a partner. Then go around the classroom and introduce yourself to all your classmates. Write their names and majors in the spaces below. If everyone has the same major, just make one up.

A: Hello, I'm Michiko Kondo.

B: Hi, I'm Kazuhiro Wada. Nice to meet you.

A: Nice to meet you, too. Could you spell your family name, please?

B: W-A-D-A.

A: W-A-D-A. How about your first name?

B: K-A-Z-U-H-I-R-O. My friends call me Kaz.

A: OK, got it. What's your major, Kaz?

B: My major is law.

	family name?	first name?	major?
1.	<i>Wada</i>	<i>Kazuhiro</i>	<i>law</i>
2.			
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