

INTRODUCTIONS IN INFORMAL SETTINGS

Vocabulary

basics – the most important and necessary facts about something unprepared (for something) – not ready to deal with something freshman – a student in the first year of high school or university transfer (student) – someone who stops studying at one university and starts studying at another

undergrad (short for undergraduate education) – the post-secondary education previous to the postgraduate education; includes all the academic programs up to the level of a bachelor's degree

major – the main subject that a student studies at college or university (the opposite of minor)

assignment – a task or piece of work assigned to someone as part of a job or course of study

friend – someone who you know and like very much and enjoy spending time with, typically exclusive of sexual or family relations

(phone) number – a series of numbers which you use to call a particular telephone schedule – a plan of what someone is going to do and when they are going to do it roommate – a person occupying the same room as another chill (person) – someone who is laid back and not overly emotional midterms (short for midterm exams) – exams in the middle of an academic term elective – an optional course of study buddy (informal) – a close friend cute – attractive in a pretty or endearing way

Verbs

to wait for someone – to stay somewhere until someone arrives

to socialize with someone – to spend time with other people in a friendly way

to text someone – to send a text message to someone

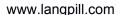
to introduce someone (to someone else) – make someone known by name to another in person, especially formally

to struggle through something – to experience difficulties and make a great effort in order to do something

to regret something – to feel sad or disappointed over something

to get along (with someone) - to have a friendly relationship with someone

Phrases





to sign up for a class/to take a class – to join a class

to have time on one's hands – to have spare time in which one has nothing specific to do

to make friends (with someone) – to begin a friendship with someone

to have enough on one's plate – to have a lot of work or things to deal with

It's been tough. – to experience difficulties

If you don't mind. – a phrase used to check that someone is willing to do someone or let you do something

to exchange numbers – to give your phone number to someone and vice versa

to grab a cup of coffee – to invite someone to drink coffee and chat

to have something in common – to share the same interests or hobbies with someone

Come on! – a phrase used to encourage someone to do something

Grammar Corner

We use various conjunctions to indicate consequences or causes of something. The most common conjunctions are *because*, *so*, *so that*, *since*, *as*.

e.g. I don't want to call him back because I'm mad at him.

I'm going to Italy next month, **so** I'm trying to learn some simple Italian phrases.

Jane asked her friend to go to the party with her **so that** she wouldn't be totally alone there.

Peter didn't make many friends in college **since** he was studying and working a full-time job at the same time.

It was obvious that they liked each other **as** they spent a lot of time together.

We can also use 'hence' to indicate that the statement we are about to make is a consequence of what we have just said.

e.g. My mother is really into gardening, hence my name – Rose. I didn't sleep at all last night, hence the dark circles under my eyes.

Real Life Situations

(P1 – Person 1, P2 – Person 2, P3 – Person 3)

Introducing Yourself (1)

P1: Are you waiting here for Mrs. Owen?

P2: Yes. I signed up for her Elementary Spanish classes.

P1: Me too! Do you know if she's already here?

P2: Mmm no idea? I haven't seen her yet.



- P1: Hmm I see. I'm Ann, by the way.
- P2: I'm Ian. Nice to meet you.
- P1: Nice to meet you too, lan! I guess we'll be studying together?
- P2: It looks like that. Do you know any Spanish?
- P1: Just a tiny bit. I took Spanish classes in high school, but I don't remember anything. So I decided to study it again since I have a bit of free time on my hands.
 - P2: Any particular reason for that?
- P1: I want to go to Spain this summer, so I felt like it'd be nice to know the basics, you know?
 - P2: Yeah, that's true.
 - P1: What about you?
- P2: Actually, I'll be working there for a couple of months, and I didn't want to go unprepared.
 - P1: What do you do for work?
 - P2: I'm an English teacher. I'll be teaching English there.
 - P1: Oh, that is so cool! Are you teaching children or adults?
 - P2: Mostly adults. I'm not that great with kids!
 - P1: I see! Oh, I think this is Mrs. Owen walking down the hall.

Introducing Yourself (2)

- P1: Excuse me! Umm I mean, hello!
- P2: Yeah? Hi?
- P1: Hi! My name's Alex, I'm a freshman here. I've noticed that you're reading Shakespeare, and have the same book as me!
 - P2: Oh, that's nice! I'm Katie, I'm a transfer. Nice to meet you!
 - P1: Nice to meet you too! And a transfer? Where did you study before?
 - P2: I studied at my local community college, but now I'm doing my undergrad here.
 - P1: That's cool! What's your major?
- P2: History, hence I'm reading Shakespeare for one of my classes. And what about you?
- P1: Oh, I see! I'm actually studying English, so I'm here working on my assignment. Have you made any friends here yet?
- P2: Honestly, not really. There's been enough on my plate, so it's tough trying to find time for socializing.
- P1: Yeah, I completely get that! Well, if you don't mind, we could exchange numbers and maybe grab a cup of coffee sometime? I think we have some things in common!
- P2: Yeah, that would be great! I'm just not sure about my schedule this week, but I guess we could text here and there and see how it goes?
 - P1: Absolutely! So, what's your number?

Introducing a Friend

P2: Hey, who's that guy over there?



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- P1: That's Steve. He is my roommate's friend, I met him a couple of times. He's a chill guy.
 - P2: Oh, I see.
 - P1: Do you want me to introduce you to him?
 - P2: No, it's fine.
 - P1: Come on, it'll be totally OK!
 - *a little later*
 - P1: Hi Steve! How's it going!
 - P3: Alex! It's been good, thanks! How are you doing?
 - P1: It's been alright, struggling through the midterms though!
- P3: I totally get that! I chose this one history class as an elective, and now I'm regretting it!
- P1: Really? Maybe you need a study buddy? My friend Katie over there is a History major.
 - P3: I don't think I've seen her before.
- P1: She's new to here. She's such a sweet and smart girl! I think you two could get along.
 - P3: She's cute too.
 - P1: Let me introduce you to her.
 - P3: Alright!