

LESSON NOTES

Learn Dutch in Three Minutes #1 Self Introductions

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The focus of this lesson is Self Introduction in Dutch

Topic 1: How to introduce yourself

Sentence from the lesson:

Hallo, ik heet Marleen. Leuk je te ontmoeten.

"Hi, I'm Marleen. Nice to meet you."

1. Let's first see how Dutch people introduce themselves in an *informal* situation.
Hallo, ik heet Marleen. Leuk je te ontmoeten.
"Hi, I'm Marleen. Nice to meet you."
Start by saying *Hallo, ik heet ...* then, say your name. *Hallo, ik heet Marleen.* Finally, say *Leuk je te ontmoeten.*
2. And now let's see the same sentence in formal speech:
Goedendag, ik heet Marleen van den Berg. Aangenaam.
"Good day, I'm Marleen van den Berg. Pleasure to meet you."
3. *Hallo* has been substituted with the formal greeting *Goedendag*, which is Dutch for "good day."
Ik heet Marleen has not been changed; *ik heet* simply means "I am called," however during a formal self introduction we also say our last name, so I said *Marleen van den Berg*. Here, you would say your full name.

Language Tip!

When you introduce yourself, it's a good habit to shake hands. If you are not sure whether to use *Leuk je te ontmoeten* or *Aangenaam* just say simply *aangenaam*, as this expression can be used in both the formal and informal introduction. If you use the correct sentence with Dutch people, they're definitely going to be impressed!