

Business Introductions

General English | Advanced

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Warm-up





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Read the following sentences.

- 1. In the office we need to **obtain** a manager's permission to use the database.
- 2. Our employees do not show **confidential** documents to clients.
- 3. The **policy** of our company is to allow employees to have flexible working times.
- 4. Our management is responsible for the upholding of company rules and regulations.
- 5. Managers find it challenging to make sure that their subordinates are **punctual**.
- 6. We need to wear *appropriate* clothes at work.
- 7. The business deal has not yet been **authorized** by the company's president.
- 8. The access to files is **restricted**. We cannot open these files on our computers.

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Answer the following questions:

Do you need to obtain a manager's approval to leave work earlier?
What are examples of confidential documents you have at work?
What is an example of your company's policy regarding taking time off?
Are there any special regulations about the usage of e-mail in your company?
How can a manager motivate employees to be punctual at work?
What are the rules on wearing appropriate clothes when you visit a client?
Who authorizes access to client's documents in your office?
Do you have any restrictions on eating lunch at your desk?

Language

Phrases: Introducing yourself and your colleagues

Allow me to introduce myself.	I would like to introduce my colleague
My name is	He/she is here to
Here is my business card	It is a pleasure to meet you.

Phrases: Asking and Answering Questions during Introductions

What do you do at work?	I work as
What kind of projects do you work on?	I am in charge of/ I work on
What are your responsibilities?	I am responsible for

Reading Aloud

Read the dialogue with your instructor; switch roles and repeat.

Role A: You are meeting with an overseas business partner for the first time. **Role B:** You are the overseas business partner.

Role A: <u>Allow me to introduce myself</u>. <u>My name is</u> Satoshi Toyoda. I am a customer relationship manager for ABC Company. <u>Here is my business card</u>.

Role B: <u>It's a pleasure to meet you</u>, Mr. Toyoda. I am Alan Lesley. I am the Marketing Manager. **Role A:** Nice to meet you, Mr. Lesley.

Role B: How was your trip, Mr. Toyoda?

Role A: It was very good, thank you. Please call me by my first name, Satoshi.

Role B: Thank you, Satoshi. You can call me by my first name, too.

Role A: <u>I would like to introduce my colleague</u>, Mr. Tatsuyoshi, the CIO of our company. <u>He is</u> <u>here to</u> meet with your company's managers.

Role B: It's a pleasure to meet you, Mr. Tatsuyoshi. I hope you will have a good discussion with our management.

Role A: Yes, it was a pleasure meeting you. I will see you at the meeting.

Role B: Thank you Satoshi. I look forward to seeing you again.

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Read the dialogue with your instructor; switch roles and repeat.

Role A: You are meeting with an overseas business partner first time. **Role B:** You are the business partner.

Role A: What do you do at work?

Role B: <u>I work as</u> a marketing manager and <u>I am in charge of</u> overseas operations for our company.

Role A: I see. What kind of projects do you work on?

Role B: Right now, <u>I work on</u> building business partnerships with Chinese companies.

Role A: Very interesting. Is it easy to find a good partner in China?

Role B: Well, it is not easy. We have to adjust to our cultural differences.

Role A: What are your responsibilities as a marketing manager?

Role B: I am responsible for our sales offices throughout Asia.

Role A: I see. You were also responsible for the online operations, right?

Role B: That's right. I used to work on improving our online business.

Communication

Answer the following questions:

- 1. If you had a chance to go on a business trip overseas, which country would you like to visit?
- 2. What type of impression would you like to make when you meet non-Japanese business people?



Roleplay

Perform the dialogue again with your instructor (Role B). Switch roles and repeat if there is time left for more practice.

Role A: You are meeting with an overseas partner for the first time. Ask questions about their company and business projects.

Role B: You are their business partner.



Feedback

What is a *good first impression*?



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