

Topic of Lecture: Introduction

Level: First Grade – Educational and psychological sciences Department

Course: English Texts

Topic: Introduction

Unit: one

Time : 60–90 minutes

Behavioural Objectives

At the end of this lecture, the students will be able to:

1. Define the term **introduction**.
2. Introduce themselves in groups using simple English sentences.
3. Ask and answer main personal questions.
4. Use the most common expressions for greeting and introducing people.
5. Distinguish between **formal** and **informal** introductions.
6. Give a brief oral introduction about themselves.

The meaning of an Introduction?

An **introduction can be defined** as the act of giving information about yourself or another person when people usually meet for the first time.

When we introduce ourselves, we usually give some basic information, such as:

- **Name, age , place of residence, occupation, department, interests and hobbies, college or university and nationality**

Example:

Hello. My name is Sara Ahmed. I am 20 years old. I am a first-year student at the University of Diyala. I study psychology . I live in Baqubah. My hobbies are reading , writing poetry and playing tennis.

The use of greetings

Before introducing ourselves or another person, we normally start with a **greeting**. There are **two** types of greetings:

1-Formal Greetings

These following expressions are usually used in formal situations:

- **Good morning, Good evening, Good afternoon, Nice to meet you , How do you do and it's a pleasure to meet you .**

2- Informal Greetings

These words and expressions are commonly used with friends and people who we know well:

Hello, Hi, How it's going, How are you , Nice to meet you .

Examples

A: Good afternoon .

B: Good afternoon .

A: Hello. How are you?

B: I'm fine, thank you. How are you?

A: I'm fine, thanks.

Introducing Yourself

There are several useful expressions and structures for introducing yourself.

1- Giving Your Name

You can say:

- My name is Zainab .
- I am Zainab .
- I'm Zainab

Question:

What's your name?

Answer:

My name is Zainab or I'm Zainab

2 -Giving Your Age

We use:

I am + age + years old.

Examples:

- I am 23 years old.
- I am 20 years old.
- I'm 30 years old.

Question:

How old are you?

I am 24 years old.

It's worth mentioning that we can't say :

I have 24years.

My age is 24 years old .

Talking About Your Place of Residence

You can use:

I live in + place.

Examples:

I live in Baghdad .

I live in Cairo

I live in Diyala .

You can also say:

I am from + place.

Examples:

- I am from Iraq.
- I am from Baghdad.
- I am from Diyala.

The main difference between the following two sentences:

I am from Iraq.

This normally tells us where you are originally from.

I live in Baghdad.

This normally tells us where you currently live.

Talking About Your University and Department

You can introduce your academic background by using such sentences:

I am a first-year student.

I study at + university.

I study + subject.

My major is + subject.

Examples

- I am a first-year student.
- I study at the University of Diyala.
- I study Psychology .
- My major is Biology .
- I am a student in the Department of Educational and Psychological Sciences

Talking About Hobbies and Interests

A **hobby** can be defined as an activity that we enjoy doing in our free time.

The most common hobbies contain :

- **Reading, swimming, writing, playing tennis, playing football, listening to music, cooking, drawing, travelling, playing computer games, watching television, watching movies etc.**

Examples:

My hobby is writing .

My hobbies are reading and swimming.

I like playing tennis .

I enjoy watching television .

Introducing Another Person

We can also introduce another person.

There are many useful Expressions:

- This is my friend, Sally .
- This is Robert.
- I'd like you to meet Ben.
- Let me introduce you to Ali.
- She is my classmate.
- He is my friend.

Example

Pablo Ben , this is Ahmed

Ahmed , this is Ben

Ahmed Hello, Ben

Ben. Hello , Ahmed .