

INTRODUCTIONS (介绍)

Introductions are used to find out (learn) new information about a person, place, or thing.

Q: What questions do we ask when we *introduce* (介绍) ourselves in the West?

1. N- What's your name? (你叫什么名字?) F- What may I call you? (相当于“你贵姓?”)

Q: Do you have an English name? Do you have a Western name? 你有英文/西方名字吗?

A: No, I don't. 不, 我没有。 Yes, I do. It's _____. 是的, 我有。我的英文名字叫_____。

2. Where are you from? Where do you come from? (只要说主要的地方, 例如省和城市)

Q: Were you born (出生) there? A: Yes, I was. No, I moved there when I was #岁。

3. Where do you live? (在城市的哪一部/街道。也可以是“你是哪儿的人?”的意思。)

Q: Which part of the city do you live in? 你住在这个城市的哪个位置? Which neighborhood do you live in? 你住在哪个小区? Which district do you live in? 你住在哪个区域?

A: I live in the **north/south/east/west** of the city. 我住在这个城市的北/南/东/西部。 I live in the _____ District. 我住在_____区。 I live near **有名的地方**. 我住的地方在_____附近。

4. N- What do you do? Where do you work? What is your job? F- What is your occupation/profession/trade? (这些问题的意思都是“你有什么工作?”)

5. Q: Where do you go to school? (你在哪里上学了?) What is your major? (你的专业是什么?) When will you graduate? (你哪一年毕业?) A: I major in 专业 at 大学 and plan to graduate in 年。

6. Do you have any brothers or sisters? (你有没有兄弟姐妹?) (NOTE THAT WE DON'T COUNT COUSINS! 表哥/弟/姐/妹 都不算!)

7. What do you like to do in your spare time? (你有空的时候喜欢什么活动?)

Q: What questions should we *not* ask when we introduce ourselves in the West?

In formal introductions, do *not* ask:

1. How old are you? (你几岁/多大?)

2. How much money do you make per year/month/hour, etc.? What is your salary (薪水)? (你一年/月/小时赚多少钱?)

3. Are you married? Do you have a husband/wife? (你有没有丈夫/太太?)

4. How much do you weigh? (你多重?) If a person is fat or thin, do not say this to the person.

In general, formal introductions have less personal/private questions. (一般, 在一个正式的介绍中, 私人的问题问得很少。)

Often, after an introduction, one may invite (约请) the other to do something together.

Q: How can we make a polite (礼貌的) invitation in English? First, we should ask if the person is free (有空).

1. Do you have any spare time...(什么时候?) [你(时间)有空吗?] Are you free in/on/at...(什么时候?) What will you do in/on/at...(什么时候?) [你(时间)有什么打算?]

2. Would you like to (动词+一个活动) with me (什么时候?)? [你不想(什么时候?)跟我(做什么活动)?]

F= *Formal* (正式) and N= *Nonformal* (非正式) are used here to show which questions should be asked in each situation (情况). Business (商业) and politics (政治) are considered (算是) formal, and most times when you want to make friends (作朋友) are nonformal.

It is customary (人人都习惯) in the West to ask someone, “How are you?” or “How do you do?” in Britain (你好吗?) at the beginning of a conversation (一开始对话), and either at the beginning or end to say, “(It's) nice to meet you.” (很高兴认识你。) if it is one's first time to meet someone.

VOCABULARY: ·an only child 独生子女 ·born & raised (in somewhere) ·handshake 握手 ·hometown 家乡/老家 ·personal/private question 私人的问题 ·shake hands 和。。。握手 ·siblings 兄弟姐妹 ·spouse 配偶