day 3 nice to meet you

Ask someone's name, give yours, and say you're glad to meet them.

Names are where every friendship starts, and asking is easier than you think.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	how it's built
叫	jiào	to be called	Open your mouth 口 and call out: "Jow!"
名字	míngzi	name	名 name + 字 character
什么	shénme	what	什 assorted + 么 (word ending)
吗	ma	(yes/no question)	A horse 马 with a mouth 口 asks: "…ma?"
呢	ne	and you? (particle)	Shrug and smile: "…nuh?" What about you?
谁	shéi	who	A bird hears a voice: "Shay, who's there?"
很	hěn	very	A proud hen (hěn): very, very happy.
高兴	gāoxìng	happy, glad	高 tall, high + 兴 excitement, to rise
认识	rènshi	to know (someone)	认 to recognise + 识 to know
老师	lǎoshī	teacher	老 old + 师 master, teacher
学生	xuéshēng	student	学 to study + 生 to be born; life
朋友	péngyou	friend	朋 friend + 友 friend
也	yě	also, too	Yě, yeah, me too!

pattern questions with 吗, 呢, 什么 and 谁

statement | **吗** | **?**

Put 吗 at the end of any statement to ask yes or no. Use 呢 to bounce a question back: 'and you?'. Question words like 什么 (what) and 谁 (who) stay right where the answer goes.

你是老师吗? **Nǐ shì lǎoshī ma?** Are you a teacher?

我是学生，你呢? **Wǒ shì xuéshēng, nǐ ne?** I'm a student. And you?

你叫什么? **Nǐ jiào shénme?** What's your name? (casual)

他是谁? **Tā shì shéi?** Who is he?

dialogue meeting teacher wang

anna 您好！您是王老师吗？
Nín hǎo! Nín shì Wáng lǎoshī ma? · Hello! Are you Teacher Wang?

teacher wang 是，我是王老师。你叫什么名字？
Shì, wǒ shì Wáng lǎoshī. Nǐ jiào shénme míngzi? · Yes, I am. What's your name?

anna 我叫安娜。很高兴认识您！
Wǒ jiào Ānnà. Hěn gāoxìng rènshi nín! · I'm Anna. Very nice to meet you!

teacher wang 我也很高兴认识你！他是谁？
Wǒ yě hěn gāoxìng rènshi nǐ! Tā shì shéi? · Nice to meet you too! And who is he?

xiaoming 王老师好！我叫小明。
Wáng lǎoshī hǎo! Wǒ jiào Xiǎomíng. · Hello, Teacher Wang! I'm Xiaoming.

anna 他是我朋友！
Tā shì wǒ péngyou! · He's my friend!

teacher wang 小明，你也是学生吗？
Xiǎomíng, nǐ yě shì xuéshēng ma? · Xiaoming, are you a student too?

xiaoming 是，我也是学生！
Shì, wǒ yě shì xuéshēng! · Yes, I'm a student too!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

很 hěn — very

叫 jiào — to be called

吗 ma (yes/no question)

名 míng — name

good to know · 很 links a person to an adjective: 我很高兴 means 'I'm happy'. It doesn't always mean 'very', and you never add 是. 也 means 'too, also' and goes before the verb or 很: 我也是学生, 我也很高兴. 'Me too!' is 我也是！ Never put 也 at the end like English 'too'.

你叫什么名字? is the question that turns a stranger into a friend. Now you can ask it.
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