

LESSON NOTES

# Learn Chinese in Three Minutes #1 Self-Introductions

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# VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
我	我	wǒ	I	pronoun
是	是	shì	to be	verb
你好	你好	nǐhǎo	hello	phrase
叫	叫	jiào	to call	verb
中文	中文	zhōngwén	Chinese	noun

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

我叫王林。 Wǒ jiào Wáng Lín. I am called Wang Lin.	他是我哥哥。 Tā shì wǒ gēge. He is my older brother.
你好，我想找安娜。 Nǐhǎo, wǒ xiǎng zhǎo Ānnà. Hello, can I speak to Anna?	你好，我叫王国易。 Nǐhǎo, wǒ jiào Wáng Guóyì. Hello, I'm Wang Guoyi.
我叫子安。 Wǒ jiào Zǐ ān. My name is Zi an.	你叫什么名字？ Nǐ jiào shénme míngzì? What is your name?

今年，我妹妹又出了一张专辑，叫《月光》。  
Jīnnián, wǒ mèimèi yòu chū le yìzhāng zhuānjí, jiào Yuèguāng.

My sister put out another album this year called "Moonlight."

## GRAMMAR

## The focus of this lesson is Self Introduction in Chinese

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### Topic 1: How to Introduce yourself

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Sentence from the lesson:

**'你好，我叫马艳茹。'**

*Nǐ hǎo, wǒ jiào Mǎ Yànrú.*

"Hi, I'm Yanru Ma."

1. You say 你好 *nǐ hǎo* which means "hello."
2. Then, say 我叫 *wǒ jiào*, which means "I'm called."
3. After this, say your name. 你好，我叫马艳茹。 *nǐ hǎo, wǒ jiào Mǎ Yànrú.*

For Example:

**'中文学生'**

*Zhōngwén xuésheng*

"Chinese student"

### Topic 2: How to say you are a Chinese language student

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Sentence from the lesson:

**'我是中文学生'**

*wǒ shì Zhōngwén xuésheng*

"I am a Chinese student."

1. Start with the word for 我 *wǒ* meaning "I."
2. Then add 是 *shì*. This means "is."
3. Say 中文 *Zhōngwén*, the word for the Chinese language.

4. You say 学生 *xuésheng*. This means "student."

### Language Tip!

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When men introduce themselves, it's very common for them to shake hands. In business situations, women will do this too. In social or casual situations however, it is common for women to simply nod or smile in order to show friendliness.