# Se Présenter / Introducing Oneself

By the end of this session, you will be able to:

- greet someone and ask how they are

- give your name

- say where you’re from

- give your nationality

- say what you do

- ask someone else their name, nationality, where they’re from and what they do

- say goodbye

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| **Greetings** |
| Bonjour | Used all day until around 5.00 p.m. |
| Bonsoir | Used after 5.00 p.m. |
| Madame, Monsieur | Remember to use these forms of address when greeting someone you don’t know. |
| Messieurs-Dames | Ladies and Gentlemen |
| Salut! | Hi! |

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| **Asking how someone is** |
| Informal  |  |
| Ça va? | How are you? |
| Oui, ça va bien, merci. Et toi/vous? | Yes, I’m fine, thanks. And you? |
| Ça va mal/ça ne va pas. | I’m not doing very well. |
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| More formal |  |
| Comment allez-vous? | How are you? |
| Je vais bien merci, et vous? | I’m fine thanks, and you? |
| Je ne vais pas bien. | I’m not well. |
| Enchanté(e)  | Pleased to meet you. |

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| **Introducing yourself** |
| Comment vous appelez-vous?  | What are you called? |
| Quel est votre nom? | What is your name? |
| Je m’appelle Marc | I’m called Mark |
| Je suis Marc. | I’m Mark. |
| D’où êtes-vous? / Vous êtes d’où? | Where are you from? |
| Je suis de Londres. | I am from London |

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| **Stating your nationality** |
| Vous êtes de quelle nationalité? | What’s your nationality? |
| Etes-vous français(e)?  | Are you French? |
| Je suis | anglais(e) | I am | English |
|  | irlandais(e) |  | Irish |
|  | écossais(e) |  | Scottish |
|  | gallois(e) |  | Welsh |
|  | américain(e)  |  | American |
|  | canadien(ne) |  | Canadian |
|  | italien(ne) |  | Italian |
|  | espagnol(e) |  | Spanish |
|  | allemand(e) |  | German |
| Note use of lower case in French for nationality. |
| Remember to make you nationality (adjective) “agree”. To make the adjective feminine, you usually add an *-e*. If the adjective ends in *– en*, double the *n* before adding the *e*, e.g je suis italien (masc.), je suis italienne (fem.) |

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| **Saying what you do** |
| Quel est votre métier?  | What’s your job? |
| Quelle est votre profession?  | What’s your profession? |
| Qu’est-ce que vous faites (dans la vie)? | What do you do? |
| Note that the French do not use the article (a, an) with a job title. |
| Je suis | assistante personelle (au PDG) | I’m the (CEO’s) PA |
|  | directeur général | MD |
|  | contrôleur financier | financial controller |
|  | chef/responsable de ventes | sales manager |
|  | directeur financier | finance director |
|  | directeur des ressources humaines  | HR director |
|  | directeur technique | head of engineering |
| Je travaille chez McArthurGlen. | I work at McArthurGlen. |
| Je travaille dans le service informatique | I work in the IT department |
| Je travaille dans l’industrie aérospatiale  | I work in the aerospace industry |

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| **Taking leave** |
| au revoir | goodbye |
| à plus tard  | see you later |
| à demain | see you tomorrow |
| à bientôt | see you soon |
| bonne journée  | have a nice day |
| bonne soirée  | have a nice evening |

**Exercise 1**

*Now answer these questions:*

1. Quel est votre nom?

1. Vous êtes de quelle nationalité ?

1. D’où êtes-vous ?

1. Qu’est-ce que vous faites?

You are arriving at the reception of SEGRO in France. Prepare what you would say to the receptionist – your greeting, who you are and where you are from.