Online course introductions

Learn how to introduce yourself on an online course.

Before reading

Do the preparation task first. Then read the text and tips and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Choose the five things you can say when you introduce yourself on an online course.

Hello	Your age	Where you are from	Your address
Your phone number	Why you're doing the course	Good luck	If you are married or single

New messages

10 Sep, 00:04 – Israa Al Ahmadi
Hi everyone! I'm from Qatar. Nice to meet you. It's my first time studying online. I hope to learn a lot from the course and from all of you!

9 Sep, 15:04 – Jonathan Davies
Welcome everyone. I'm Canadian but living in Scotland. The last time I studied anything was forty years ago … I'm a bit nervous! Good luck, everyone!

9 Sep, 11:21 – Le Thi Ha
Hello. I'm so happy to be doing this course. I've finished two other online courses this year so I'm looking forward to my third. I'm from Vietnam by the way. Looking forward to meeting you all!

9 Sep, 10:43 – Carlos Garcia Gonzales
Hi! Looks like I'm the first one here so … hi to everyone who joins the course and nice to meet you! Good luck with the course and see you in the next lesson!

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Tips

1. Keep your introduction short and clear.
2. Say hello and give a little bit of information about yourself. Don't say anything too private or personal.
3. You can say what you hope to get or learn.
4. Wish people good luck.
5. You don't have to write full sentences.
6. You might use more exclamation marks (!) than in formal writing because it looks friendly.

Tasks

Task 1
Put the words and phrases in the correct groups.

Hi to everyone.	I'm Jonathan but you can call me Jon.	I'm from Qatar.	Hello!
Good luck with the course.	Looking forward to meeting you.	Good luck, everyone!	See you in the next lesson!

Greeting	**Introducing yourself**

Wishing people luck	**Being friendly**

Task 2
Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1. Good   everyone!   luck,

2. Nice   meet   to   you!

3. looking   studying   with you.   I'm   forward   to

4. to   happy   so   be doing   this course.   I'm

5. bit   I'm   a   nervous!

6. year.   finished   two   I've   courses   this

Task 3
Are the sentences true or false?

		Answer	
1.	You should write a lot.	True	False
2.	It is good to say something private and personal.	True	False
3.	You can say what you hope to learn on the course.	True	False
4.	It is good to be friendly and wish people good luck.	True	False
5.	It is bad to use exclamation marks (!).	True	False
6.	This type of writing is formal.	True	False

Discussion
What do you like about studying online?

Answers

Preparation task
1. Hello
2. Your age
3. Where you are from
4. Why you're doing the course
5. Good luck

Task 1

Greeting	Introducing yourself
Hello! Hi to everyone.	I'm from Qatar. I'm Jonathan but you can call me Jon.

Wishing people luck	Being friendly
Good luck with the course! Good luck, everyone!	Looking forward to meeting you. See you in the next lesson!

Task 2
1. Good luck, everyone!
2. Nice to meet you!
3. I'm looking forward to studying with you.
4. I'm so happy to be doing this course.
5. I'm a bit nervous!
6. I've finished two courses this year.

Task 3
1. False
2. False
3. True
4. True
5. False
6. False