

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Learn Bulgarian in Three Minutes #1

Self-Introductions

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Здрасти, аз се казвам Ива. Приятно ми е. Hi, I'm Iva. Nice to meet you.

In these series, we're going to learn basic Bulgarian expressions. It's super easy and it only takes three minutes!

In this lesson, you're going to learn how to introduce yourself in Bulgarian. But first, it is important to clarify that in Bulgarian there is a difference between the formal and informal language.

Let's first see how Bulgarian people introduce themselves in an *informal* situation.

Здрасти, аз се казвам Ива. Приятно ми е да се запознаем. Hi, I'm Iva. Nice to meet you.

[slowly] Здравести, аз се казвам Ива. Приятно ми е да се запознаем.

Start by saying: Здравести, аз се казвам.. then, say your name. Здравести, аз се казвам Ива. Finally, say Приятно ми е да се запознаем.

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And now let's see the same sentence in formal speech,

Здравейте, аз се казвам Ива Георгиева. Приятно ми е да се запознаем. Hello, I'm Iva Georgieva. Nice to meet you.

[slowly] Здравейте, аз се казвам Ива Георгиева. Приятно ми е да се запознаем.

So, what has changed from the previous introduction?

Let's take a close look at these together.

Здравести has been substituted with the formal greeting Здравейте, formal Bulgarian for "Hello."

Аз се казвам Ива has not been changed; аз се казвам stands in both cases for "I am" or "My name is", however during a formal self introduction we also say our last name, so I said Ива Георгиева. Here, you would say your full name.

Finally, the ending remains the same: Приятно ми е да се запознаем. It is a universal Bulgarian greeting meaning "Nice to meet you."

One more time: The informal way to introduce yourself in Bulgarian is Здравести, аз се казвам Ива. Приятно ми е да се запознаем.

The formal way to introduce yourself is

Здравейте, аз се казвам Ива Георгиева. Приятно ми е да се запознаем.

Now it's time for Iva's Insights.

When you introduce yourself, it's a good habit to shake hands in Bulgaria and, if you are not sure whether to use здравести or здравейте just say simply добър ден, which means "hello" and is used during the daytime.

Do you know how we say “thank you” in Bulgarian? You’ll learn how to say this and many other words in the next lesson. Останете на линия за следващия урок! See you then!