

Lesson 1 Shadowing Script – Confident Introductions & Small Talk (British English)

♦ Part 1 – Common British Greetings (Formal & Informal)

👂 Listen & repeat in a friendly, relaxed tone

- Hi there! How are you?
 - Hello! Lovely to meet you.
 - Good morning! How's everything going?
 - Alright, mate? / You alright? (*informal*)
 - I'm good, thanks. And yourself?
 - Not too bad, cheers. How about you?
 - Can't complain. Just a bit tired, to be honest.
 - Same here. It's been a long day!
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♦ Part 2 – Introducing Yourself (From Simple to Natural)

👄 Shadow slowly → then at natural speed

Basic:

- Hi, I'm Alex. I'm from Manchester.
- I'm 30 years old, and I work in IT.
- I enjoy reading, walking, and spending time with friends.

More Natural:

- Hello, my name's Priya. I'm originally from Birmingham, but I've recently moved to London.
- I work as a primary school teacher. I've been doing that for about six years now.
- In my spare time, I like doing yoga and baking.

Prompt to practise your own intro:

"I'm [your name]. I'm from [city/country]. I work as a [job] / I study [subject]. In my free time, I enjoy [activities]."

♦ Part 3 – Asking & Answering Natural Questions

 Shadow both parts

A: What do you do for a living?

B: I work in customer service. And you?

A: Are you studying at the moment?

B: Yes, I'm studying psychology at uni.

A: Do you live nearby?

B: Yes, just down the road. What about you?

A: How long have you been living here?

B: About two years. Time's flown by!

♦ **Part 4 – Polite Follow-Up Questions**

Repeat with warm, curious intonation

- Oh nice – how did you get into that?
 - That sounds interesting. Do you enjoy it?
 - Brilliant! What do you usually do on the weekend?
 - I see. Have you travelled much around the UK?
 - Great – do you go out much with friends?
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♦ **Part 5 – Mini Dialogues (British Style)**

“Whereabouts” is a **British English** word that means **“roughly where”** or **“in which area.”**
It's used when you're asking for a general location — not the exact address.

Dialogue 1 – Meeting Someone New

A: Hi, I'm Emily. What's your name?

B: I'm Jack. Nice to meet you.

A: Nice to meet you too! Whereabouts are you from?

B: I'm from Leeds, but I live in Bristol now.

A: Lovely. What do you do?

B: I'm an accountant. What about you?

A: I'm training to be a nurse.

Dialogue 2 – Small Talk at an Event

A: Is this your first time here?
B: Yeah, it is. I wasn't sure what to expect.
A: It's quite relaxed, really. People are friendly.
B: That's a relief. I'm hoping to meet some new people.
A: Same. I'm trying to practise my English more.

Dialogue 3 – Chatting Casually

A: You alright?
B: Yeah, not bad. Just finished work.
A: Long day?
B: Bit of a stressful one, to be honest.
A: Hope you can put your feet up now.
B: Cheers, I plan to!

◆ **Part 6 – Popular Small Talk Topics & Phrases (UK Style)**

Repeat each clearly with natural rhythm

Topics:

- The weather
- Hobbies
- Work/school
- Transport/commuting
- TV shows, sport, food

Phrases:

- “What do you usually get up to at the weekend?”
 - “Been on holiday recently?”
 - “What sort of music are you into?”
 - “I’m quite into cooking at the moment.”
 - “I’ve just started learning a new language – it’s tricky but fun!”
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◆ **Part 7 – Fluency Builders**

Repeat each sentence 3 times — natural, confident tone

- “I’m learning English because I want to travel and meet people from different cultures.”

- “Sometimes I get nervous speaking, but I’m trying to be more confident.”
 - “I enjoy having conversations like this – it helps me feel more fluent.”
 - “It’s okay to make mistakes. That’s how we learn, isn’t it?”
 - “I’d love to live abroad one day, maybe in Australia or Canada.”
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Challenge: Your Full Introduction

Now try this as your **speaking challenge**:

“Hi, I’m [name].

I’m from [place].

I work as a [job], and I’ve been doing that for [X] years.

In my spare time, I enjoy [hobbies]. I’m learning English to improve my confidence and meet people from around the world.”