

# 1. The Most Basic Level (A1)

## ✓ Asking Someone's Name

- What's your name?
- What is your name? (more formal)
- What's his/her name?

## ✓ Answering

- My name is John.
- I am Sarah.
- I'm Ali.

👉 In real life, people usually say:

- I'm David.

(not “My name is David” in casual situations)

## 2. Slightly More Natural (A2)

### More casual ways to ask:

- What's your name again? (if you forgot)
- And you are...?
- Sorry, I didn't catch your name.

## More natural answers:

- It's Emma.
- They call me Mike.
- I go by Alex. (This is the name I prefer.)

Example:

My full name is Alexander, but I go by Alex.

### 3. Formal & Polite (B1)

#### Asking politely:

- May I have your name, please?
- Could you tell me your name?
- How should I address you? (very formal)

## **Introducing yourself formally:**

- Allow me to introduce myself. My name is...
- I'd like to introduce myself. I'm...
- My name happens to be... (a bit playful/formal)

## 4. Talking About Types of Names (B1–B2)

- Full Name & Parts
- first name / given name
- last name / surname
- middle name
- maiden name (a woman's last name before marriage)
- nickname
- stage name
- pen name

Example: My full name is Mostafa Bidgoli, but Mostafa is my first name.

## 5. More Advanced & Natural Expressions (B2–C1)

### **When you forgot someone's name:**

- Your name escapes me.
- It's on the tip of my tongue.

### **When a name sounds familiar:**

- That name rings a bell.
- The name sounds familiar.

## **When someone is well-known:**

- He's a household name. (Everyone knows him.)

## **Example:**

- After the movie, she became a household name.

## **When someone damages their reputation:**

- He dragged my name through the mud.

## Protecting reputation:

- Clear my name
- In my name
- Make a name for yourself (become famous/successful)

Example:

She moved to London to make a name for herself.

## 6. Idioms & Expressions About “Name”

Here are some powerful idioms 

### 1. In name only

- Not real, just officially
- He’s the manager in name only.

### 2. Big name

- A famous person
- They invited a big name to the conference.

### **3. Call someone names**

- To insult someone
- Kids shouldn't call each other names.

### **4. Put a name to a face**

- Recognize someone
- Finally, I can put a name to a face!

## **5. Good name**

- Good reputation
- He built a good name for himself.

## **6. Brand name**

- Famous company name
- I don't care about brand names.

## 7. Very Advanced / Elegant Ways

- I answer to the name of... (playful/dramatic)
- The name's Bond. James Bond. 😎 (classic dramatic introduction)
- I was named after my grandfather.
- I bear the name of... (formal/literary)
- Under the name of... (used officially or legally)

Example:

- He was born under the name of Michael Smith.

## Cultural Notes

In English-speaking cultures, it's normal to introduce yourself with just your first name.

In professional situations, people may say both first and last name.

Titles matter in formal settings:

- Mr.
- Ms.
- Dr.
- Professor