

SDAU – College of Foreign Languages

Oral English

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Introduction



“Logistics”

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Something about myself

- I have not always been a teacher. I am an Electrical Engineering major, and spent most of my professional working for big international companies in an **international business environment**. Before I came here to teach you, I was a senior manager at Arm in Cambridge.
- I am from the Netherlands (荷兰) where we speak Dutch (荷兰语), meaning I learned English as a **second language**, just like you, so I know some of the problems you face. However, I have used English as my first language for the last 30 years so my English is pretty good. My accent is British, you will get used to that quickly.
- **I love Chinese food**, especially spicy food, and will eat most things you eat, including lots of stuff 'normal' Westerners would not touch with a bargepole*.
- *: Remember this idiom, I will explain it later.

Some Rules

I am a European, and I teach my classes in the European way. This has a few consequences:

- If you need to leave the class to go to the toilet or some other emergency, **just leave the classroom, you don't need to ask**. I trust you will come back.
- I expect you to call me by my **first name**, as if I am your friend. I know this is very hard for you!! But it is the Western way, so you better get used to it. Just **call me "Petrik"**. I will tolerate "Mr. Petrik" but do not prefer this. To make it easier, I will not tell you my last name ;)
- **I don't mind it if you eat and drink** in the class as long as you pay attention and don't disturb the others.
- In this class we **speak only English!** Try to use English all the time, even when discussing things with your classmates.

Course Objectives

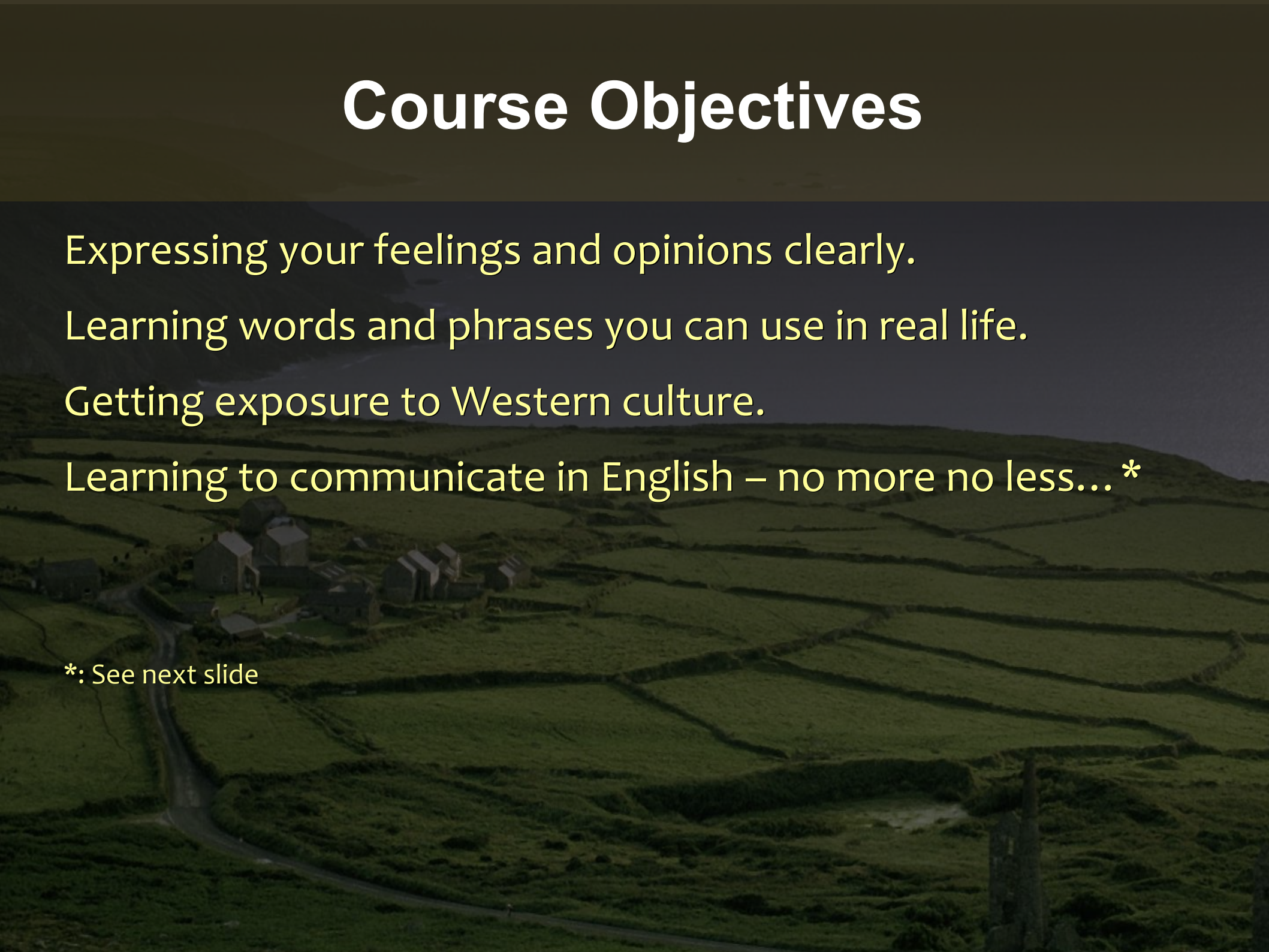
Expressing your feelings and opinions clearly.

Learning words and phrases you can use in real life.

Getting exposure to Western culture.

Learning to communicate in English – no more no less... *

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Course Objectives

Learn to communicate in English – no more no less.

Despite what other teachers may have told you, **you do not need to sound like a native speaker** (and it is probably too late for that anyway). To communicate, your pronunciation and grammar needs to be good so a foreigner understands what you are trying to say, but that is good enough.

Don't be afraid to make mistakes: Just **give it a try**, and you will learn to make fewer and fewer mistakes as you practice.

It is more important to use the **right words in the right place**, and to use **appropriate expressions and idioms**.



Your English Name

Chinese names are hard to handle for English speakers, native or not, so if you operate in an international environment I recommend you **use your English name when communicating with foreigners.**

You may already have an English name, and of course if you are already used to that and want to keep using it, that is fine. However, here in China, as well as in the business world out there I have often come across English names chosen by Chinese people that are not great...

A good name is **VERY IMPORTANT** in both international business and academia, more important than you may think. It is the first thing people get to know about you. If the name you chose for yourself means something inappropriate or is considered to be silly or strange can ruin your chance of success in business, interviews, at conferences, and so on.

Your English Name

If you are not sure about your English name, check with me.

A good English name:

- Must be **suitable for your gender** (boy's names and girl's name).
- Must **go well with your family name**. For example, 'Lily' is a good name, but if your family name is 'Li', 'Lily' is not a good choice because 'Lily Li' sounds funny. Remember that in English we put our family name after our given name, which is the other way around compared with Chinese! This also means that if you want to use the name of a famous person, use the first word of their name, not the second: If you admire Taylor Swift, for example, use Taylor, not Swift (which does not have a bad meaning, but it is rarely used as a first name and is a boy's name in the few cases it is used).
- Should be a **proper, sensible name** (but it's your choice, it's you who looks stupid, not me). Be careful with names of famous singers and actors, who often have strange names and sometimes pretty bad ones (usually these are not their real names, like "Lady Gaga", whose real name is Stephanie). Check with me if you're not sure.

The next slide has a large number of good names on it. If your chosen name is on there, you're okay. If it is not, it doesn't mean your name is bad! **If you are not sure, ask me** whether it is okay or not. After choosing a name, write it on the blackboard.

Abigail (Abby)	Blanche	Daphne	Helen	Leslie	Natalie	Sonya		Daniel	Mario
Adele	Bonnie	Darcy	Hilda	Lillian	Natasha	Sophia		David	Matthew
Adriana	Brenda	Dawn	Hillary	Lilly	Nellie	Stacy		Dominic (Dom)	(Matt)
Adrienne	Bridget	Deanne	Holly	Linda	Nicole	Stella		Donald	Michael
Amy	Britney	Deborah	Hope	Lisa	Nikki	Stephanie		(Don)	(Mike)
Alana	Caitlin	Diana	Inez	Lois	Nina	Susan		Duncan	Nathan
Alba	Candice	Donna	Ingrid	Loretta	Nora	(Sue, Susy)		Elliot	(Nate)
Alexandra	Cara	Doreen	Irene	Lorraine	Olga	Sybil		Eric	Nicholas
(Alex)	Carla	Dorothy	Iris	Lucille	Olivia	Sylvia		Ethan	(Nick)
Alice	Carly	Edith	Isabel	Lucy	Paige	Tamara		Evan	Nigel
Alicia	Carmen	Eileen	Ivy	Lydia	Pamela	(Tammy)		Frank	Norman
Alison	Carol	Eleanor	Jacqueline	Lynn	(Pam)	Tanya		Fred	(Norm)
Alma	Caroline	Elizabeth	(Jackie)	Madelyn	Paula	Tara		Gary	Owen
Amanda	Carrie	(Liz, Beth)	Jane	Mandy	Pearl	Terry		Gerald	Patrick
Amber	Casey	Ellen	Janet	Marcy	Peggy	Tessa		Gilbert	Phillip
Andrea	Cassie	Elsa	Jenna	Margret	Penelope	Thelma		Greg	(Phil)
Angela	Catherine	Elvira	Jennifer	Margo	Penny	Theresa		Harry	Richard
(Angie)	(Kate)	Emily	(Jenny)	Maria	Petra	Tina		Ian	(Rick)
Angelica	Cathleen	Emma	Jessica	Marian	Phoebe	Tracy		Jack	Robert
Angelina	(Cathy)	Erica	(Jessie)	Marilyn	Rachel	Valerie		James	(Bob)
Angelique	Cecilia	Erin	Jill	Marion	Rebecca	Vanessa		Jason	Ross
Anita	Charlene	Esther	Joan	Martina	(Becky)	Vera	↓BOYS	Jeffrey	Roy
Ann	Charlotte	Ethel	Jolene	Mary	Renee	Veronica	Adam	(Jeff)	Scott
Anne	Chelsea	Eve	Jordan	Matilda	Rita	Victoria	Alan		Sean
Anna	Cheryl	Evelyn	Josie	Maureen	Rosanne	(Vicky)	Albert		Simon
Annabelle	Chloe	Faith	Joy	May	Rose	Violet	(Al)	Joe	Stephen
Annemarie	Christina	Fay	Joyce	Megan	Ruby	Vivian	Alex	Jonathan	(Steve)
Anette	Christine	Felicia	Judith	Melanie	Sabrina	Wendy	Andrew	(Jon)	Stewart
Annie	Cindy	Florence	Julia	Melinda	Sally	Whitney	Anthony	Joseph	Timothy
April	Claire	Gabrielle	June	Melody	Samantha	Wilma	(Ant)	Josh	(Tim)
Arlene	Clara	Gina	Justine	Michelle	(Sam)	Winnie	Ben	Julian	Tobias
Ashley	Claudette	Gladys	Karen	Miranda	Sandra	Yolanda	Bert	Justin	(Toby)
Audrey	Claudia	Gloria	Kelly	Miriam	Sarah	Yvette	Brandon	Ken	Travis
Aurora	Colleen	Grace	Kim	Molly	Shannon		Carl	Kevin	Tyler
Barbara	Constance	Gwendolyn	Kirsten	Mona	Sharon		Charles	Kyle	Vincent
Beatrice	Cora	(Gwen)	Lara	Monica	Sheena		(Chuck)	Lawrence	(Vince)
Beryl	Corinne	Hannah	Laura	Monique	Sheila		Chris	Louis	Wesley
Beverly	Cynthia	Hazel	Lauren	Nadine	Shelly		Colin	Lucas	(Wes)
Bianca	Daisy	Heather	Lea	Nancy	Shirley		Craig	Malcolm	William
	Danielle	Heidi	Leanne	Naomi	Simone		Damien	Mark	(Bill)
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How You Will Be Evaluated

You either pass or fail this course. If you pass you will receive credits. The pass mark is 60%.

How to pass:

- Attend class 20%*
- Other assignments 30%
- Final exam: 50%

* If you have asked for leave your attendance will not be affected, but if you are absent without leave I will lower your grade.

Because this is an oral class, I will not review your notes as part of your grade.

Lesson slides

You can find the **lesson slides** in PDF format at the following internet address:

<http://pdhconsulting.eu/efl/>



I will update the list of PDFs as we progress in the semester (and if I forget, remind me...)

At the top of the web site is a list of quick links that take you to the area you are interested in. In addition to the lesson slides, you can also find some other materials (pronunciation and listening exercises, for example) you may find useful.

The server is in the Netherlands, but it should be possible to access the server without a VPN. If you have trouble, ask your classmates or contact me on WeChat and I will send the PDF to you directly.

Office hour

If you want to ask me something (about English, or Western culture, or business, or me, or ANYTHING else...) or if you just want talk about anything that interests you, I will be available during my **office hour**, which happens **every week**:

Every Saturday morning at 9:45 in classroom S323.

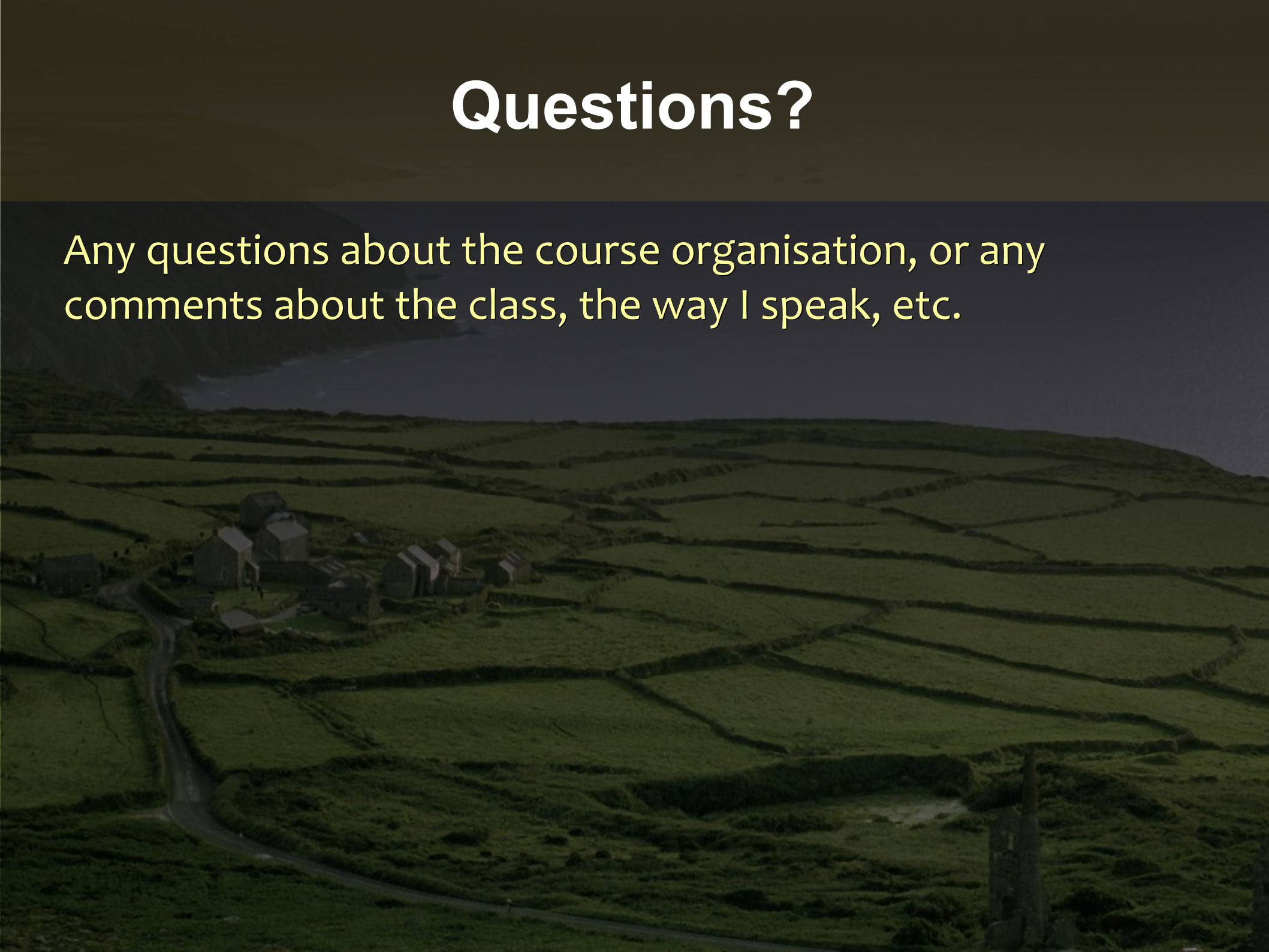
Note that the office hour is not an extra class or homework.

参加是自愿的 Attendance is voluntary: You should come only if you really want to and if you have time.

You **cannot be late** for the office hour, just pop in any time you like; if we are still there you are welcome to join.

Questions?

Any questions about the course organisation, or any comments about the class, the way I speak, etc.



The background of the slide features a light blue gradient. Overlaid on this are the silhouettes of two men in business suits shaking hands. The man on the left is shown in profile, facing right, and is holding a briefcase. The man on the right is facing left, holding a folder or document under his left arm. The text 'Introducing Yourself' is centered over the handshake.

Introducing Yourself

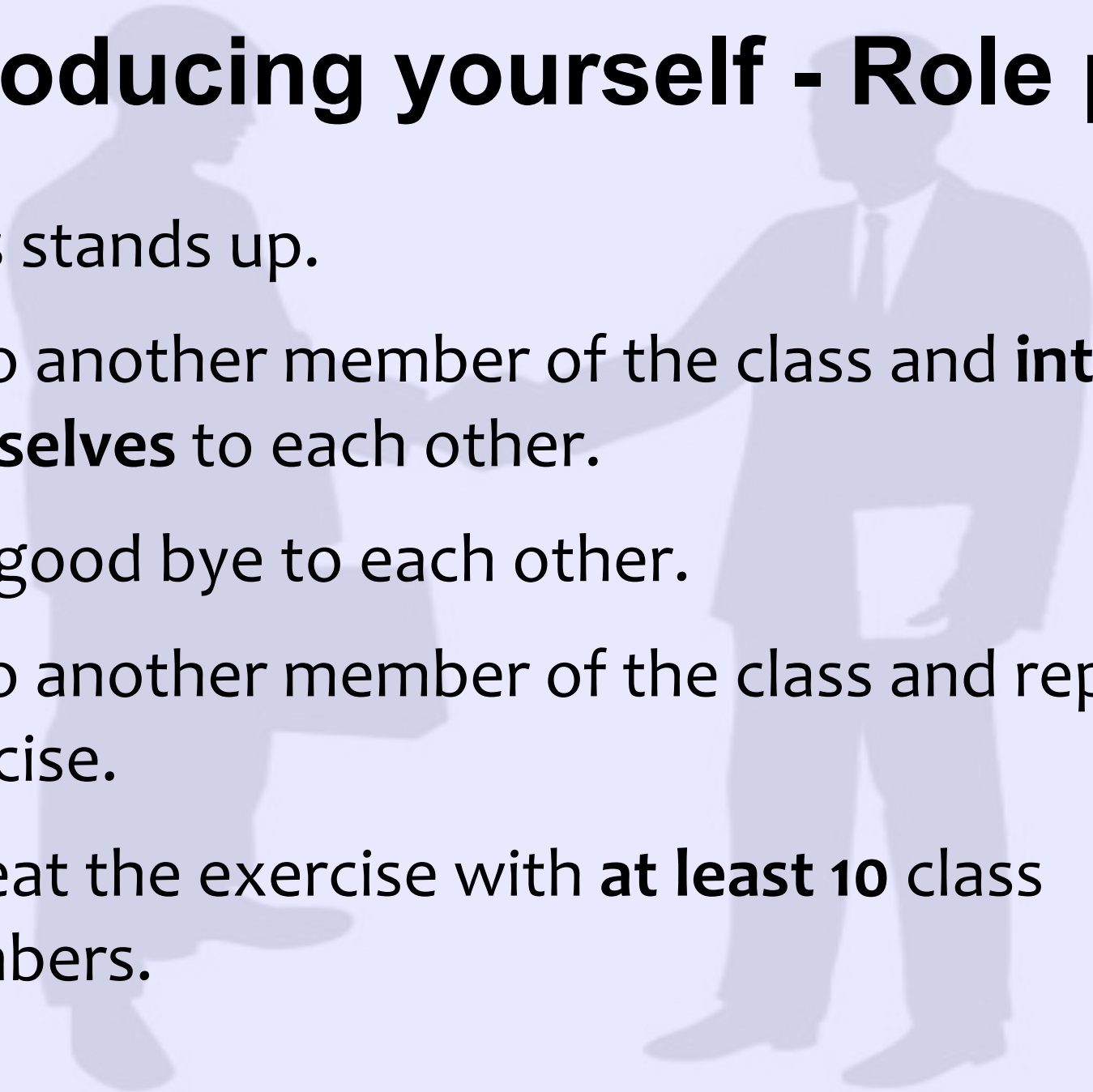
Introducing yourself



- When you meet someone for the first time:
A: **Hello, my name is Jane. Nice to meet you.**
(Shake hands.)
B: **I'm Peter, nice to meet you too!**
- Saying goodbye to someone you don't know well:
A: **Good bye, it was nice to meet you. Hope to see you again soon.**
B: **See you soon!**

Introducing yourself - Role play

- Class stands up.
- Go to another member of the class and **introduce yourselves** to each other.
- Say good bye to each other.
- Go to another member of the class and repeat the exercise.
- Repeat the exercise with **at least 10** class members.



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Introducing someone else

- A: Hello Peter, good to see you!
I would like to introduce you to my colleague Jane.
Peter, this is Jane; Jane this is Peter.
- B: Hello Jane, nice to meet you!
- C: Hello Peter, nice to meet you too!

Other models:

Have you met my colleague/friend, Jane?

I would like to introduce you to Jane.

Here is someone I would like you to meet.

Possible replies:

Pleased to meet you.

Nice to meet you.

It's a pleasure to meet you.

Likewise. (It means “I feel the same way”.)

Introducing someone else – Role Play

Class stands up.

- In pairs go to another pair in the class and **introduce your friend** to the other pair. (Each person introduces their partner. That means 4 introductions in total)
- Say good bye to each other.
- Go to another pair in the class and **repeat** the exercise.
- Repeat the exercise with at least 5 other pairs.

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Transcript

Introductions-Pt1.mp3

Jackie: So you can say, "I just wanted to introduce myself..." or "I'd like to introduce myself..." followed by your name and, in business contexts, often what you do. Or you could say "I'd like to introduce myself, I'm Jackie, I'm a producer for the BBC". What does Mary say in response to Bob?

Hello, excuse me... I'm sorry, I don't mean to interrupt... I just wanted to introduce myself. I'm Bob Reddington from Reddington Papers.

Oh, hello, nice to meet you. I don't believe we've met before.

Jackie: "Nice to meet you," she says – a very common response when you meet someone for the first time. You could also say "Pleased to meet you." She follows it with. "I don't believe we've met before." That's a polite way of acknowledging that you're meeting someone for the first time – or even checking that you haven't met them before, in case you can't remember!

Oh, hello, nice to meet you. I don't believe we've met before.

Um, no we haven't. I have seen you from afar at a- I think it was one of Charles's pool parties...

Transcript

Introductions-Pt2.mp3

Jackie: How about if you want to introduce someone else? Listen to this conversation. What phrase is used to introduce someone?

Oh, professor Castenko, have you met my colleague, Mrs. Chapman?

Hello Mrs. Chapman, pleased to meet you.

Hello professor, very nice to meet you too!

Jackie: "Have you met": an easy way to introduce one person to another. "Have you met Mary?"; "Have you met my friend?"; "Have you met my colleague, Mrs. Chapman?" And it's greeted with the kind of phrase we heard before: "Hello Mrs. Chapman, pleased to meet you!"; "Hello professor, very nice to meet you too."; "Pleased to meet you."; "Very nice to meet you" and so on.

Transcript

Introductions-Pt2.mp3

Jackie: Now listen out for a slightly different structure to introduce someone here.

Professor Castenko, there's someone I'd like you to meet: it's Mrs. Chapman.

Hello Mrs. Chapman, it's a pleasure to meet you.

Likewise.

Jackie: "There's someone I'd like you to meet": A very pleasant way of introducing someone.

"There's someone I'd like you to meet": Just as we can say: "I'd like to introduce myself", you can also say: "I'd like to introduce you to...", for example: "Professor Castenko, I'd like to introduce you to Mrs. Chapman". When he's introduced, professor Castenko says: "It's a pleasure to meet you".

"Hello Mrs. Chapman, it's a pleasure to meet you", a variation on "nice to meet you". How did Mrs. Chapman respond? Listen again.

Hello Mrs. Chapman, it's a pleasure to meet you.

Likewise.

Jackie: "Likewise", a word we can use to return a compliment or polite statement. It means 'I feel the same way'.

It's a pleasure to meet you.

Likewise.