

Namaste Dosti - Lesson 1

Tina: Hi and welcome to "Namaste Dosti", the Hindi Learn podcast. Hindi is one of the most widely spoken languages of the world. It is the Mother Tongue of about 40% of the Indian population. It is spoken mainly in Northern and Central India.

Meena: Why would you need Hindi? You might want to learn Hindi for your travels to India, to understand Bollywood movies, or just to participate in the Hindi conversations of your Indian friends.
We would like to introduce ourselves. I'm Meena, and I will be your Hindi teacher.

Tina: And I am Tina. I'm a student of Hindi and I will study along with you.

Meena: Let's get started with some greetings: The most common greeting is "Namaste". Repeat after me: "Namaste".

Tina: Namaste.

Meena: Let's practice this in a small dialog: "Namaste, Tina".

Tina: Namaste, Meena.

Meena: After the greeting, we could ask, "How are you?" Listen and repeat after me: "Kya haal hai?"

Tina: Kya haal hai?

Meena: Very good. This means literally: "What is the condition?"
You could answer "achchaa" for good or "tikh hai" for o.k.
Repeat after me: "achchaa"

Tina: Achchaa.

Meena: Tikh hai.

Tina: Tikh hai.

Meena: Very good. Let's do a full small conversation. You can answer and ask me how I am.
"Namaste, Tina".

Tina: Namaste Meena.

Meena: Kya haal hai?

Tina: Achchaa. kya haal hai?

Meena: Tikh hai.

Let's now try a conversation which could happen if we don't know each other yet:
"Namaste, kya aap Tina hai?"
Kya aap Tina hai. That means: Are you Tina?
You could answer "Han-ji" for yes or "ji-nahi" for no.
Let's try: "Namaste, kya aap Tina hai?"

Tina: Han- ji.

Meena: Very good - bahut achchaa. Let's try the No version.
"Namaste, kya aap Uma hai?"

Tina: "Ji Nahi"

Meena: Bahut achchaa. To say, who you are, you would say: "Mai Tina hu"
Let's try again: "Namaste, kya aap Tina hai?"

Tina: "Han-ji, mai Tina hu."

Meena: And now with the No answer: "Namaste, kya aap Uma hai?"

Tina: "Ji Nahi, mai Uma nahi hu, mai Tina hu."

Meena: Bahut achcha.
That's almost all for today. We learned how to greet people in Hindi:
"namaste"

Tina: Namaste.

Meena: How to ask: How are you:
"Kya hal hai?"

Tina: "Mai achcha hu"

Meena: And how to ask whether you are a certain person:
"Kya aap Uma hai?"

Tina: "Ji Nahi, mai Tina hu."

Meena: At the very end of this first podcast, we would like to teach you one way to say good bye:
"Pher melange" That means - see you later.
Repeat after me: "Pher melange"

Tina: Pher melange.

Meena: We hope you liked this first installment of our podcast. You can reach us by email at
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Tina: Watch out for the next podcast. Till then:

Tina & Meena: Pher Melange!