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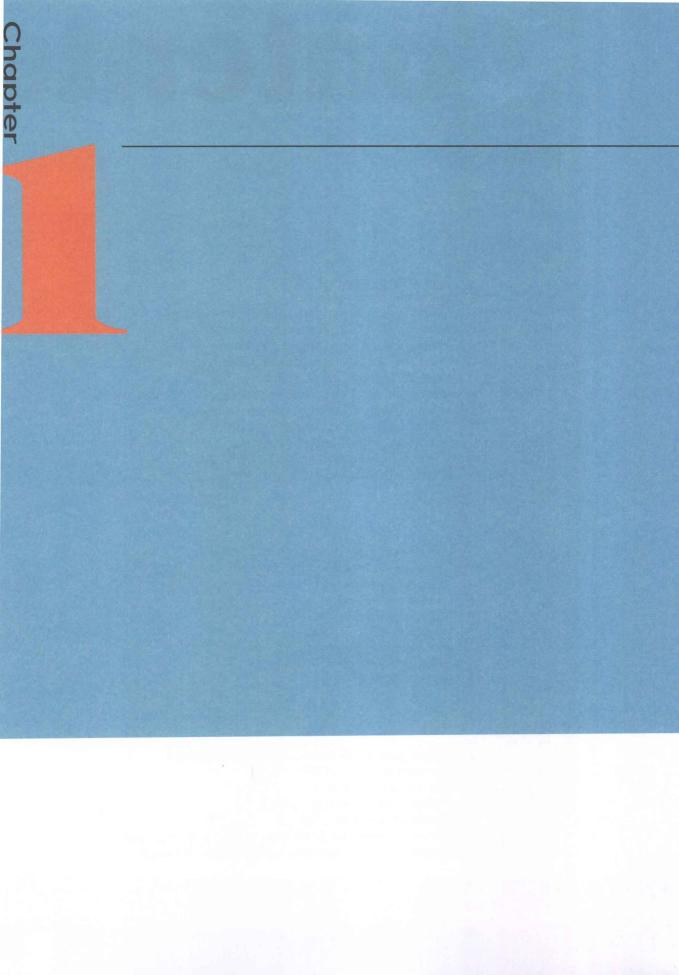
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Learning About Your John Color

认识工作

Unit Arriving at a new job

get in to arrive 到达 commute a regular journey to and from your place of work 上下班 on board as part of the team or organization 加入 nerve-wracking to make someone feel nervous or anxious 令人不安的 small talk light, informal conversation on non-controversial topics (People make small talk in order to be polite in social situations) 闲聊 hit the ground running to start a new endeavor at full speed, without wasting time 立即展开行动 brief to give essential information to someone 简短说明



Katharine arrives at her new office and introduces herself to her colleagues.

Receptionist: Hi there, may I help you?

Katharine: Yes, hi. I'm Katharine Brown, the new research assistant. I was told to

ask for Jacob Smith when I got in.

Receptionist: Ah, of course. I'm Barbara. It's nice to meet you. Jacob's not available

just yet, but he asked me to hand you over to Ann while you wait for

him. She's in the conference room around the corner.

Katharine: OK, thank you.

She walks to the conference room.

Katharine: Hi, I'm Katharine. Are you Ann?

Ann: Yes, nice to meet you. Katharine: Pleasure to meet you.

Ann: Did you have any trouble getting here?

Katharine: Oh, no; actually, it's a very easy commute.



Sample Sentences



Introducing yourself

- - 1. James Brady, nice to meet you.
 - 2. I'm Sara Cooper. It's a pleasure to meet you.
 - I'm your newest analyst, Brian Sandhurst.
- 4. My name's Leslie Cooper; I believe I'm supposed to be meeting with Aaron Cantor to get started.

Making small talk

- 5. Welcome to the office! We're glad to have you on board.
- 6. Don't worry, the first day is always a little nervewracking.
- 7. The weather looked beautiful on my way in. Is it still nice out?
- 8. Is this your first time in our office?



Talking about yourself

- 9. I'm from Seoul originally, but I've been living in the USA for the last four years.
- 10. I just graduated from business school and I'm really excited to be able to put my skills to work.
- 11. I've been working in sales for a number of years.

Introducing someone to his or her work

- 12. We're hoping you can hit the ground running, as we've got a lot to do here.
- 13. Your supervisor will **brief** you on our current status.
- 14. For now, we would like you to focus on learning our customer service policies.



Review Questions

questions below.		
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A an interview B	a meeting C a wo	ork day
	is probably	
(A) the Vice President	B the receptionist	© the accountant
5		
3. The man and woman are	<u> </u>	
	B asking questions	© making small talk
6		
4. Gerald Butler will receive		
A a project booklet	B an update on the cu	rrent project © a conference
Gerald Butler will probabl	у	
(A) start doing real work	next week	
B start briefing Jane as	soon as possible	
© start doing work as se	oon as possible	

Listening questions: Listen to the conversations and answer the

Usage questions: Read the questions and choose the best answer.

A My name is Gloria.	B Pleased to meet you, too.	© When did you get it
u ·		и
"Hi Louis. You know, you l Industries?"	ook very familiar. Did you by any o	chance work at ARC
A Gina, this is Louis. He'	'll be working with us on the Adam	ns project.
B Hello, my name is Gin	na.	
C Please take a seat and	d Gina will be right with you.	
"Karen, Denise, I'd like to i	introduce our new receptionist, An	nanda."
Karen: "Hi Amanda! Welco	ome to the office."	
Denise: "Yes, welcome. Ple	ease let us know if we can help you	u settle in."
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2 Welcoming and introducing the newcomer



Katharine is being introduced to her coworkers by her supervisor, Jacob Smith, on her first day of work.

Jacob:

You might have met Barbara Polley on your way in. She's our receptionist and she'll tell you who's in, who's out, where to find us . . . she pretty much **runs the place**.

Barbara:

Hi, Katharine.

Katharine:

Nice to meet you, Barbara.

Jacob:

And this is Jason Smollet, another research assistant here. You'll probably end up working together a lot of the time. He's a good person to go to with questions or problems, before you ask someone else.

Jason:

Welcome to ABC Tech, Katharine.

Katharine:

Thank you, it's a pleasure to meet you. Maybe I can set up a time to **pick your**

brain?

Jason:

Any time. I know it can be confusing

around here at first!

Jacob:

And that's Samantha Barnet, our Human Resources Manager, just walking in. She'll probably be coming around to help you set up your paperwork, right Samantha?





Samantha walks over.

Samantha: Good morning, everybody.

Welcome, Katharine. Yes, I'll come by later today to make sure we've dotted the i's and crossed the t's.

Jacob: Thanks, folks. Now, Katharine, let's

go to your cubicle.

Katharine: OK-nice to have met all of you!

Jacob: And here is where you'll be working.

Barbara will come to show you how to **set up** the telephones and **give** you the **rundown on** the computer, passwords, and anything else you need to know to get going. I think I'll call her now so you can get started. Is that alright? Do you have any

questions?

Katharine: No, not at the moment, thanks. I'm

happy to get started.



Key terms

to run the place

to be in charge or handle day to day activities to ensure things run smoothly. Someone who runs the place is usually in a position of authority; however, secretaries and receptionists can be said to run things as they make and know schedules and are usually relied upon to handle or fix office machinery, etc 经营公司

to pick someone's brain

to ask questions and get information from someone 向……请教

to "dot the i's and cross the t's"

to put precise finishing touches on something; to fill in all the particulars 仔细检查cubicle

a small compartment within an office that is a workspace for one person 隔间

set up

to configure or organize something so it can function 设定

to give someone the rundown on (something)

to give someone a summary or point by point explanation of a particular topic 概述

at the moment

right now 目前

a wealth of information

a great source of information on a topic 通晓

getting one's feet wet

just beginning a new job, task, project, etc. The phrase alludes to wading into water: the first thing to get wet is your feet 初尝某事

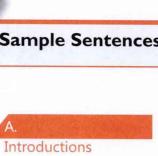
to get up to speed

slang, to show someone what he or she needs to know in order to begin work. In a sense, to catch up to the knowledge the rest of the team already has 进入状态; 了解





Sample Sentences





- 1. Let's get acquainted with the rest of the team.
- 2. Katharine, meet Barbara, our receptionist.
- 3. Katharine, Barbara, Barbara, Katharine, Katharine is our new research assistant.
- 4. I don't believe you've met Lance yet. Lance is an analyst.
- 5. I'd like you to meet Jason, a senior analyst. Jason is a wealth of information on finance. You and he should set up a time to meet. He will be a big help in getting you oriented here.

Describing your position

- 6. "So you're the new girl?" "Yes, I'm just getting my feet wet."
- 7. I just started this week.
- 8. I just started working as a project manager.
- 9. I work in the sales department as a customer service technician.
- 10. I'm in real estate.



Offering assistance

- 11. Please come to me if you have any questions.
- 12. If there's anything I can do to help, just let me know.
- 13. George is always willing to give a helping hand.
- 14. Barbara will come to help you get settled in here.
- 15. Barbara will help you get up to speed.

Politely declining more assistance

- 16. Thanks, but I think I'm all set for now.
- 17. Thank you; I think that's all I need for now.
- 18. I feel pretty comfortable with everything now.
- 19. I'm ready to get to work.

Review Questions



Listening questions: Listen to the conversations and answer the questions below.



1. V	Vho	is	farther	away,	Robert	or	John?
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- (A) Robert.
- B John.

2. Who is a research assistant?

- A Robert.
 - B John.
- C The speaker.



- 3. Who is not an accounts administrator?
 - A Leslie. B Bill. C June.

4. Where are the sales offices?

- (A) On one story. (B) On the 4th floor. (C) On the 3rd floor.

5. What does Leslie mean by "You'd never know it from Bill, though"?

- A Bill isn't often in the sales offices.
- B) Bill is often on the floor.
- © Bill is often out of town.



6. What is the situation?

- A new employee training session.
- (B) A lunch meeting.
- C An interview.

7. Who will run the training session?

- (A) Christine. (B) The speaker.
- C Gloria.

B Usage questions: Choose the answer with the closest meaning to the phrase in bold.

- 1. "I'm really confused about the new accounting system. Can I pick your brain for a minute?"
 - A Can I arrange to meet with you?
 - B Can I ask you some questions?
 - C Can you call me?
- 2. "There's a small mistake on your tax form. Let's go through it to **dot the i's and cross the t's together**, OK?"
 - A Let's fix the mistake together.
 - B Let's write it together.
 - C Let's review it closely together.

	Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word/phrase.
3.	"Alex will meet with you soon to give you on our computer system." (A) the book (B) the rundown (C) the business
4.	"Barbara knows where everything and everybody is around here. She really A runs the place B runs in place knows her place
5.	"Susan will explain the current progress on our project to help you get" (A) at speed (B) up in speed (C) up to speed
6.	"You won't be able to print until Allen can your computer." (A) arrange (B) set up (C) settle