

CHAPTER ONE

Introductory Talk



1. Conversation

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Listen to the conversation. Foreign students attend a welcome party at a Japanese university.

Oshiro: Hello, Karen. How are you?

Karen: Oh, Professor Oshiro. I'm fine, thank you. Professor, I'd like to **introduce** you to my friend, Sue Tasman. Sue, this is Professor Oshiro, the **dean** of the Faculty of Education.

Sue: I'm pleased to meet you, Professor Oshiro.

Oshiro: How do you do? Oh, here comes a **colleague**. Professor Wellington, I'd like you to meet two of our new foreign exchange students. This is Karen and Sue.

Wellington: Delighted to meet you.

Sue: It's a pleasure to meet you, Professor Wellington.

Oshiro: Could you excuse me? I've got to go and get ready for the "Welcome" speech.

Wellington: Certainly. I'll join you shortly.

Karen: Oh, of course, go ahead.

Sue: I'm happy to have met you.

Wellington: I hope you'll enjoy your studies here. You'll find everyone very friendly. If you need any help, please **feel free** to **come and see me**. Ah, Geoffrey, come and meet Karen and Sue. This is Geoffrey.

Karen & Sue: Hi. Nice to meet you.

Wellington: I'll leave you students to **get acquainted**. We'll be introducing you to some of the Japanese students in just a few minutes.

Geoffrey: Don't worry. I'll take care of them. See you later.

Sue & Karen: Thanks. It was nice to meet you.

Geoffrey: Well, how're you **settling in so far**?

Sue: Oh, everything's been just great!

2. Word List

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introduce	紹介する	dean	学部長
<i>meet for the first time</i>		<i>the head of a college</i>	
colleague	同僚	feel free	気軽にする
<i>a person you work with</i>		<i>don't hesitate</i>	
come and see me		get acquainted	知り合いになる
	私に会いに来る	<i>come to know</i>	
<i>visit me</i>			
settling in	落ち着く	so far	これまでは
<i>adjusting; getting comfortable</i>		<i>until now</i>	

3. Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions about the conversation.

- Who is Sue introduced to?

- Why did Professor Oshiro leave Sue and Karen?

- What should the girls do if they need help?

- What did Professor Wellington want Geoffrey and the new students to do?

- What will the students do "in just a few minutes?"
