

SCENE 1 · GRAMMAR

मैं हूँ · आप हैं

Introduce yourself and ask a yes/no question

5 Exercises · Duration: 15 min.

Arrival

Hindi

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online



Introduce yourself and ask a yes/no question

A pronoun stands in for a person or thing: **मैं** means I and **आप** means polite you. Singular means one person or thing; plural means more than one. Respectful speech can use plural-style **हैं** for just one person.

Hindi usually puts the verb last. Say **मैं कमला हूँ** (I am Kamala), **यह मेरा मकान है** (this is my house). **मैं** takes **हूँ**, **यह/वह** takes **है**, and polite **आप** takes **हैं** even for one person.

Use **आप** with a new adult acquaintance. Starting a statement with **क्या** makes a yes/no question: **क्या आप नए पड़ोसी हैं?** The answer can simply be **हाँ** or **नहीं**. Learn **आपसे मिलकर खुशी हुई** as a greeting for now.

पड़ोसी itself works for a man or woman, but a describing word changes: **नए पड़ोसी** for a man addressed politely, **नई पड़ोसी** for a woman. Hindi noun gender belongs to each noun; it is not always the person's sex.

Person	Be
मैं (I)	हूँ
आप (polite you)	हैं
यह / वह (this/he/she)	है

मैं कमला हूँ।

I am Kamala.

यह मेरा मकान है।

This is my house.

क्या आप नए पड़ोसी हैं?

Are you the new neighbour? (male)

Hindi nouns have gender: they belong to a masculine or feminine class. Masculine **मकान** (house) takes **मेरा** (my); feminine **चाबी** (key) takes **मेरी**. This noun class need not match a person's sex. An article is a word like English a or the; Hindi does not need one in these simple introductions.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL FORM**

Underline the form explained in this unit.

1 मैं कमला हूँ।

Meaning: I am Kamala.

2 यह मेरा मकान है।

Meaning: This is my house.

3 क्या आप नए पड़ोसी हैं?

Meaning: Are you the new neighbour? (male)

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the meaning and the Hindi pattern.

1 मैं कमला _____।

(A) हूँ

(B) है

(C) हैं

Meaning: I am Kamala.

2 यह मेरा मकान _____।

(A) हो

(B) है

(C) हूँ

Meaning: This is my house.

3 _____ आप नए पड़ोसी हैं?

(A) कौन

(B) कहाँ

(C) क्या

Meaning: Are you the new neighbour? (male)

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

है मैं

मैं कमला _____।

Meaning: I am Kamala.

यहाँ है

यह मेरा मकान _____।

Meaning: This is my house.

कहाँ क्या

_____ आप नए पड़ोसी हैं?

Meaning: Are you the new neighbour? (male)

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

हूँ।

कमला

मैं

Meaning: I am Kamala.

2

मकान

यह

है।

मेरा

Meaning: This is my house.

3

क्या

नए

आप

हैं?

पड़ोसी

Meaning: Are you the new neighbour? (male)

G5) CONNECT FORM AND MEANING

Match the pairs.

① क्या आप नए पड़ोसी हैं?

Ⓐ Are you the new neighbour?
(male)

② मैं कमला हूँ।

Ⓑ I am Kamala.

③ यह मेरा मकान है।

Ⓒ This is my house.