

# Unit 1



## *Musicians*

### Introduction

In this unit, you will:

- Learn how to greet people and talk about yourself.
- Learn about some famous musicians.
- Improve your listening, reading and writing abilities.
- Enhance your cultural awareness: Ways of greeting in different cultures.

## Lead-in

- 1 Here is a piece of music by Mozart. Do you know its title? Can you hum it? Write the title of the music in the space provided.

Allegro Mozart

- 2 Listen to the music above. Tell each other how you feel about it, using the words and expressions in the box below when necessary.

### Useful Expressions

relaxing	exciting	graceful	elegant	lively	slow-moving	emotional	sad
It's so cool!				It's so wonderful!			
It's really appealing.				It doesn't sound like music.			
It's noisy to me.				It's driving me crazy.			

## Module 1 Learn to Talk

In this part, first you are going to learn how to greet and introduce people. Then you are going to practise listening for some key information about Bach and Chopin.

### Meeting New Friends

- 1 John and Mary meet each other for the first time on campus. Listen to the model dialogue, and underline the expressions of greetings and introductions.

John: Hi! I'm John Smith.

Mary: How do you do, Mr. Smith. My name is Mary Brown.

John: But you can call me Johnnie. Can I call you Mary, Miss Brown?

Mary: Yes, please. It's nice to meet you, Johnnie.

John: Nice to meet you, too.

Mary: I'm a freshman here. What about you, Johnnie?

John: Me, too. I study music in the Academy of Arts at Chongqing University.

Mary: That's interesting.

John: What do you do, Mary?

Mary: I'm a student in Meishi Film Academy.

John: We are probably going to be in the same English class.

Mary: That would be great!

### Culture Tips: Addressing

- In China, the surname comes first and then the given name. E.g. 王亮
- In the West, the given name comes first and then the surname or family name. E.g. John Smith.
- Men are addressed as Mr., married women as Mrs. before their husbands' surnames, and unmarried women as Miss. Ms. is addressed to women who are either married or single.
- In an informal situation, westerners will introduce each other by the first name or the given name, without titles.
- Faculty should be addressed using their title and last name. E.g. Professor Smith.

- 2 Practise the dialogue above with your partner, using the expressions in the box below.

### Useful Expressions

Hello! / Hi!

How are you?

How do you do?

Good morning / afternoon / evening!

Pleased to meet you.

(It's ) Nice to meet you.

Glad to meet you.

3 Listen to the conversation among James, Wang Dong and Cathy from an English class. Fill in the names of the speakers with the following pictures.



a. \_\_\_\_\_



b. \_\_\_\_\_



c. \_\_\_\_\_

4 Listen again and decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

- \_\_\_\_\_ (1) James is 28 years old.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2) James is from Britain.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (3) Cathy is married and has one child.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (4) Cathy has come to China to study Chinese painting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (5) Wang Dong studies graphic arts.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (6) Wang Dong is Japanese.

### Useful Expressions and Patterns

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Introducing yourself</li> </ul>	Hi, I'm Peter George. My name is Rebecca Brown. I'm called John.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Talking about your major</li> </ul>	I major in music. I'm an art student. I study Chinese painting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Talking about your interests</li> </ul>	I'm interested in... I enjoy playing the piano in my free time. I like listening to pop music when I'm not studying.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Asking about personal information</li> </ul>	Where do you come from? Where do you live? Do you have any brothers or sisters?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Asking about interests</li> </ul>	What do you do in your free time? Do you like sports/traveling? What kind of movies/music do you like?

- 5 Go around the class, and try to get some information about your classmates with the help of the expressions above.

*The following sample may be useful for you.*

A: Hi! My name's...

B: Hello. I'm... Nice to meet you.

A: Good to meet you, too. Could you tell me a little about yourself ?

B: Sure. What do you want to know?

A: Well, where were you born?

...

- 6 Introduce your new friend to the whole class with the help of the following expressions:

*"I'd like to introduce... She was born in..., but she grew up in..."*

## Stories of Musicians



Chopin



Bach

### Before You Listen

- 1 Do you know how to read the following proper names and words? Try to read them aloud.

#### Proper Names

Johann Sebastian Bach

St. Thomas Church

St. Matthew Passion

Poland

Eisenach

Leipzig

Frédéric Chopin

Paris

Germany

Felix Mendelssohn

Warsaw

#### Words

organist

director

keyboard instrument

concerto

duke

composer

orchestra

pianist

prince

genius

choir

patriotic