

# hello

| MY NAME IS...

SAY MY NAME, SAY MY NAME



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# UNLEARNING— HOW TO RESPECT A PERSON'S NAME.



"I am never going to remember that"—Sometimes a person's name can be hard to say but you are being dismissive and showing that you do not value the person.



"Do you have something shorter for that?" Let them offer their nickname to you first. If they do not, then do not probe them for a shorter version of their name.



"Can I just call you \_\_\_\_\_ instead?" It shows a level of disrespect because you are disregarding an entire person's history and identity by giving them a different name. There is also an uncomfortable power dynamic.



# LEARNING— THINGS TO DO.



**REPEAT** their name after they introduce themselves.



**REASSURE** the person that you want to learn to say their name correctly, and ask to be taught how to pronounce it correctly (be sensitive).



**FIND** techniques on how to pronounce a person's name such as using phonics or take it apart by using syllables etc—for example Pal-wa-shah.

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