

1.

You are John Fitzwater, the President of the United States. You introduce yourself by saying, "I'm President Fitzwater." Everyone calls you "Mr. President" except for your old high school friend from Hawaii, Charles Choom. He calls you "Johnny." In public, you call people by their formal names and titles, like "Senator Stretch." In private, you call Senator Stretch, "Sandy." But when you introduce her to someone else, you call her "Senator Sandy Stretch." You like rap music and football.

2.

You are Charles Choom. You introduce yourself by saying, "Hello, I'm Charles Choom." You are 58 years old. You own a large pineapple farm in Hawaii but you live some of the time in New York City. You went to school with President Fitzwater and you still see him sometimes. You call President Fitzwater "Johnny." Your employees call you "Mr. Choom." Your friend Jenny Jones calls you "Chuck." You are very rich. You like football but seldom have time to watch it.

3.

Your name is Aloha Flower. You introduce yourself by saying, "Hi, I'm Aloha. Aloha Flower." You are 25 years old. You worked at a pineapple farm in Hawaii but now you live in New York City and work in a flower shop. You like to joke about how funny it is that your name is Flower and you work in a flower shop. Everybody calls you "Aloha." You call your old boss, Charles Choom, "Mr. Choom." You miss your old dentist in Hawaii, Dr. Surf. Your boss at the flower shop is Terri Tulip. You call her "Terri." You like to watch football.

4.

Your name is Jennifer Jones. You are about 50 years old. You introduce yourself by saying, "I'm Professor Jennifer Jones, and you are.....?" You teach American history at the university. Your business card says, "Jennifer Jones, Ph.D." You do not call yourself Doctor Jones. Only medical doctors, dentists, and animal doctors are usually called Doctor. You are friends with Chuck Choom. He calls you "Jenny." Your students call you Ms. Jones, (pronounced "Miz) or Professor Jones. One of your students is Ron Carruthers. You don't like watching football. You have never been married and you don't like to talk about your personal life.

5.

Your name is Senator Sandy Stretch. You are a high government official. You don't tell people how old you are but you are over 70. You introduce yourself by saying, "I'm Senator Sandy Stretch." You call the President "Mr. President." You like to follow the President around and have him introduce you to people. You like to meet famous people like the rap star Eminem and rich people like Stan Choom. You once had a friend named Brenda Roberts, but you have lost touch with her.

6.

Your name is Candy Cane. You are 21 years old. You introduce yourself by saying, "Hi, I'm Candy." You are a nursing student and you live in New York City. All your friends and teachers call you "Candy". The only person who calls you "Miss Cane" is the nice old man who owns the little store near the nursing school. His name is Abe Cohen. You are friends with Sally Spark, who is also a nursing student. You call her "Sparky." You usually call people by their first names, except for your teacher or your doctor, Dr. Anderson. You like pop music much better than rap music.

7.

Your name is Abraham Cohen. You are 75 years old. You introduce yourself by saying, "How do you do. My name is Abraham Cohen." You are a very nice man who owns a small store near the school for nurses in New York City. You like to call people by their last names because that's what people did in the old days when you were young. Your favorite customer is Miss Candy Cane, a nursing student. You call her "Miss Cane." Most people call you "Mr. Cohen." Only your family members and close friends call you "Abe." You are friends with George Anderson, a doctor. You play cards together. You love to watch football. You've never heard of rap music.

8.

You are Mrs. Bertha Anderson. You are over 50 but you do not discuss your age. You introduce yourself by saying, "How do you do. I am Bertha Anderson. Perhaps you know my husband, Dr. George Anderson." You are a doctor's wife and you like the old way of using last names instead of first names. You think that people who are younger than you should call you Mrs. Anderson. You think women should take their husband's last names when they marry. Only your friends and family members call you "Bertha." Your husband's name is Dr. George Anderson. Your friend Brenda is a teacher at a nursing college. You wonder if she could recommend one of her students to work part-time at your husband's office. You don't like rap music.

9.

Your name is Dr. George Anderson. You are 60 years old. You are a doctor. Your wife's name is Bertha. You introduce yourself by saying, "I am Dr. George Anderson." Only your friends and family call you "George." You play cards every Thursday night with a group of friends, including Abe Cohen. You call him "Abe." You have a pet dog and you are thinking about entering her into a dog show. But you need to find a good dog groomer. You don't like football because it is too dangerous. As a doctor, you have seen too many football injuries. You don't like rap music because it's too loud.

10.

Your name is Lucille Smith. You are 40 years old. You introduce yourself by saying, "Hello. I'm Lucille Smith but please call me Lucy, all my friends do." You don't like to be called "Mrs. Smith" because that makes you feel old. You like calling people by their first names. You work at a bank. Your mother's name is Anna Smith. You have been friends with Betty Riddle since you were in nursery school together. Your boss's name is Richard. You love to watch football. You think rap music is terrible.

11.

Your name is Mrs. Anna Smith. You are 70 years old. You introduce yourself by saying, “How do you do. My name’s Anna. Anna Smith.” You used to have a flower shop, but now you are retired. Your friends and family call you “Anna”. People who don’t know you very well call you “Mrs. Smith.” Your daughter Lucy has lots of friends and they call you “Auntie Anna.” You sold your flower shop to Terri Tulip. You call her “Terri. You love to watch football.

12.

Your name is Terri Tulip. You are 35 years old. You introduce yourself by saying “Hello, my name’s Terri. Terri Tulip. Pleased to meet you.” You own a flower shop that you bought from Anna Smith. You meet her sometimes for coffee and you call her Anna, even though she is much older than you. You have one young employee named Aloha and a part-time employee named Betty. You have been to China and you loved it. You are married but you don’t call yourself “Mrs. Tulip” because your husband’s last name is Paterson and you kept your maiden name and didn’t take his when you got married. You use “Ms.” Instead of “Mrs.” Because you and your husband have different last names, this causes confusion with some people.

13.

Your name is Elizabeth Riddle. You introduce yourself by saying, “Hi, I’m Betty Riddle.” You’ve been friends with Lucy Smith since you were 3 years old. You call her mother “Aunt Anna.” You work for Dr. George Anderson. You have worked for him for 15 years and you think you should call him “George” but you know he likes to be called “Dr. Anderson.” Even though you are 40 years old, you love rap music and your favourite musician is Eminem. You are thinking of getting a loan from a bank to buy an apartment. Your husband Barney is a high school teacher.

14.

Your name is Sarah Spark. You are 23 years old. You introduce yourself by saying, “Hi, I’m Sarah but my friends call me Sally.” You are a nursing student in New York City. Your friend Candy calls you “Sparky.” Your mother calls you “Sarah Ann”. You share an apartment with a foreign exchange student from China. Her name is Chang Jung. At first you didn’t know that “Chang” is her family name. Your roommate uses “June” as her first name while in America. You like meeting new people.

15.

Your name is Stanley Roberts. You introduce yourself as “Stan the used car man” and you shake people’s hands for a long time. You used to be married to Brenda but you got divorced ten years ago. You are now dating Sarah, a lady with one daughter named Sally. You sell used cars. You like to meet people and you hope they will buy a car from you. You love to watch football. You think rap music is horrible noise, not even music.

16.

Your name is Chang Jung. You are 25 years old. Since most Americans don’t know or care about Chinese names, you introduce yourself as “June Chang.” You are from Jinan and you are studying languages in New York. Your roommate’s name is Sally. You love playing the guitar in your spare time and you are taking lessons from a great teacher named Ajax Eleven. You call him “Ajax” even though he is much older than you. Usually, you call older people by their last names, with “Mr.” and “Mrs.” You think this shows proper respect. You watch football with your American friends, but you don’t understand the rules.

17.

Your name is Ajax Eleven. You are 70 years old. You teach guitar. You introduce yourself by saying, “Hey, dude. I’m Ajax.” For many years, you played in famous rock bands. One of the musicians you helped to train was named Marshall Mathers. You call him “Marshall.” But his stage name is Eminem. You think everybody should use only first names, including the President of the United States. You think this will show that everybody is equal. You don’t like watching football.

18.

You are Sarah Spark. You are 45 years old. You introduce yourself by saying, “Hello, I’m Sarah. Sarah Spark.” Your daughter’s name is “Sarah Ann” but everybody calls her “Sally” and some of her friends call her “Sparky.” You own a dog grooming business (where people bring their dogs to have a shampoo and a hair trim) in New York City. One your customers is Brenda Bandaid. You are looking for more customers for your dog grooming shop. You are divorced. If people ask are you “Miss” or “Mrs,” you say “Mrs.” because you don’t like “Miss” or “Miz.” You are dating a man named Stan. When you are out together, you don’t like it when he introduces himself as “Stan the used car man.” This embarrasses you.

19.

Your name is Ms. Brenda Banaid. You are almost 60 years old and you introduce yourself by saying, "Hello there. I'm Ms. Brenda Banaid." You teach nursing students in New York City. Two of your students are named Candy and Sally. You have a prize-winning pet dog called "Mr. Peepers." You call your nephew "Robbie" but he would like to be called "Robert" because he is grown up now and "Robbie" is what he was called when he was a baby. You are divorced. When you were married, your name was Mrs. Brenda Roberts but you changed your name back to your unmarried (maiden) name. You do not like to call yourself "Miss" so you use the title "Ms." (pronounced Miz).

20.

Your name is Dr. Peter Surf. You are 55 years old. You introduce yourself by saying, "Hello, I'm Peter Surf." You are a dentist from Hawaii. You are visiting your son Robert who lives in New York City. Your sister, Brenda, also lives in New York where she teaches at a nursing college. You like people to call you "Peter" but you know that some of your patients like to call you "Dr. Surf." You don't like to be called the nickname "Pete." You want to find a flower shop so you can get your sister some flowers for her birthday. You also would like to find a poker (card) group to join while you are in New York.

21.

Your name is Robert Surf. You are 26. You introduce yourself by saying "Hello, I'm Robert. Robert Surf." You work in a bank in New York City. Your aunt Brenda lives in New York City. She calls you "Robbie." Your boss, Dick Paterson, calls you "Rob." You don't really like that. You like to be called "Robert." You would like to get in touch with Aloha Flower. You heard that she moved to New York. You hope that she remembers you from the days when you were kids together in Hawaii. You like to watch football.

22.

Your name is Richard Paterson. You are 45 years old. You introduce yourself by saying “I’m Richard Paterson but call me Dick.” You are a bank manager in New York City. You tell everybody in the bank to call you “Dick.” You want to have a friendly workplace. Your oldest employee, Linda Carruthers, doesn’t agree and she misses the days when people called each other by their last names. Your wife’s name is Terri but she didn’t change her last name to Paterson when she married you. She likes her maiden name better. You went to school with Steve Pie, but you can’t find his name in the phone book and you have lost touch with him.

23.

Your name is Linda Carruthers. You are 60 years old. You introduce yourself by saying “How do you do. I’m Mrs. Linda Carruthers.” You are a widow and you work in a bank. You would rather call your boss “Mr. Paterson” but he wants to be called “Dick,” as though he was your best friend and not your boss. Your son’s name is Ronald Carruthers, Junior, because your husband’s name was also Ronald and your son was named after him. Your neighbor’s name is Delilah. You’d like to introduce your colleague, Robert, to your son Ronald because you think they have a lot in common.

24.

Your name is Delilah Frampton-Pie. You are 40 years old. You introduce yourself by saying, “Blessings. I’m Delilah.” Your maiden (unmarried) name was Frampton and you married Stephen Pie, but you didn’t want to change your name so you put both names together. You think women shouldn’t change their names when they get married. Your daughter’s name is Journey. You own a small clothing store that sells clothes made from organic cotton.

25.

Your name is Steven Frampton-Pie. You are 45 years old. You introduce yourself by saying, “Hey, I’m Steve. Steve Frampton-Pie.” Your last name used to be just “Pie” but then you married Delilah Frampton and she wanted to use both her last name and your last name. Your daughter’s name is Journey. Your neighbor’s name is Linda Carruthers. You own a guitar store. One of your customers is the rock musician, Ajax Eleven. You like rap music but like Blues music better.

26.

Your name is Journey Frampton-Pie. You are 17 years old. You introduce yourself by saying, "Hi, my name's Journey but everybody calls me J-Pie." You hate your name and you think it is a stupid name. You wish you had a name like Jane or Caroline. You plan to change your name when you grow up. Your parents don't like your nickname "J-Pie" and they always call you "Journey." Your parents taught you to use only first names, not last names, when talking to people but you think that's stupid because old people should just use their last names and not try to act like they're young, because they aren't, they are really old. So you call older people by their last names. Eminem is your absolutely favorite rap singer. You love him.

27.

Your real name is Marshall Mathers but your stage name is Eminem. You are 33 years old. You introduce yourself by saying, "I'm Eminem. Haven't you ever heard of me? I'm a rap star." Most people don't know what your real name is. You want to perform in the White House for the President. When you are in New York, you like to hang out with your old friend Ajax. Because you are a rap star, you are not very friendly with most people but you will pose for pictures with your fans. But you don't smile because you are a serious rapper.

28.

Your name is Ronald Carruthers, Junior. You are 26 years old. You introduce yourself by saying, "Hi, I'm Ronald Carruthers but you can call me Ron." You are named after your father, who is dead now. You are friends with the girl who lives next door even though she is a few years younger. Her nickname is "J-Pie." She gets angry when you use her real name. You are studying at the university. One of your study partners is from China. You thought her name was "Chung" at first and now you're not sure what her name is. So you just say "Hi" when you see her. You are thinking of buying a used car. You love football and rap music.

29.

Your name is Barney Riddle. You are 45 years old. You introduce yourself by saying “Hello, I’m Barney Riddle.” You are a high school teacher. One of your students is named “Journey.” The kids at school call you “Mr. Riddle” except for one boy named Brad who has bad manners. Your wife’s name is Betty. You teach music and you like to play guitar. You are very proud of one of your former students, Ron Carruthers. He is going to university now. He is a very intelligent student. You like to watch football.

30.

Your name is Alice Chapters. You are 35 years old. You are married to William Chapters. You call him “Bill.” But you think that the woman who works at your doctor’s office should call you “Mrs. Chapters” and not “Alice” because that would be more professional. You call her “Mrs. Riddle” but she still doesn’t get the hint. Your daughter’s name is Britney. She is 17. Your son’s name is Bradley. He is 15. You work at a computer software company in HR. You are looking for some smart young people to hire for the company.

31.

Your name is William Chapters. You are 45 years old. You introduce yourself by saying, “How do you do. I’m William Chapters.” When people get to know you better, you invite them to call you “Bill.” You really don’t like the nickname “Willie.” You are thinking of taking a vacation in China and you’d like to meet someone from China so you can ask questions about the country. Your daughter’s name is Britney. She is 17. Your son’s name is Brad. He is 15. You live in New Jersey, near New York City. You are an accountant. You are not interested in football.

32.

Your name is Britney Chapters. You are 17. Your father’s name is William and your mother’s name is Alice. You call your best friend “J-Pie.” You would like to find part-time work. You are planning to ask nice Mr. Cohen if you can work at his store. Your parents taught you to call older people by their last names and you do. You are very excited because your father is thinking of taking the family on a vacation to China this summer, but you will really miss J-Pie and all your friends. You like rap music.

33.

Your name is Bradley Chapters. You are 15. No one calls you “Bradley” except your mother. Everyone calls you “Brad.” You live with your parents near New York City, in New Jersey. You like to call everyone older than you by their first name, including your teachers and your doctor. Your parents have told you to call people by their last names but you think everyone should be equal. Your teacher, Mr. Riddle, sent you to the principal’s office for calling him “Barney.” You play on the high school football team. You like rap music and you want to get tattoos like Eminem.

34.

Your name is Andrew Splash. You are 45 years old. You introduce yourself by saying “Hi, I’m Andy Splash. The coach of the Brooklyn High Team.” Your friends call you “Andy.” You are the coach of the high school football team. You expect people to call you “Coach Splash” and you are important and popular because so many people love football. The only thing you are interested in is football. You are not interested in travel, politics, dogs, rap music, or anything else. Your son Kevin is no good at playing football. He likes computers instead.

35.

Your name is Kevin Splash. You are 22 years old. You introduce yourself by saying, “Hi, I’m Kevin.” You go to university and you are very good at computers. Your father is the football coach at the high school. You were no good at football. You like to ride bicycles with your friend Sparky and your girlfriend Katherine. No one calls you “Mr. Splash.” You want a job designing computer programs. You aren’t interested in football. You like techno music better than rap music. You love dogs.

36.

Your name is Katherine Wheel. You are 22 years old. You introduce yourself by saying, “Hi, I’m Katherine. Katherine Wheel.” You don’t like to be called “Kathy,” or “Kate” or “Katie,” just Katherine. You love going on long bike rides with your boyfriend Kevin and your friend Sparky. You work for an accountant named Bill Chapters but you are thinking of going back to university to study business management. You call your boss “Bill.” But you call his wife “Mrs. Chapters” because that’s what she likes. You like to buy your clothes at a little store that sells clothes made from organic cotton. You love dogs.

37.

You are Sir Reginald Fiske. You are 60 years old. You are from England. You live in New York City. You introduce yourself as “Sir Reginald Fiske.” Americans call you “Sir Fiske” but the correct way is “Sir Reginald.” The title “Sir” (which means you are a knight) does not exist in America. But many Americans love meeting people from England who have titles like “Sir.” Your wife’s name is Gwendolyn and her title is “Lady Gwendolyn.” You would like to visit Hawaii one day. You like dogs. You think the word “football” means the game in England and other parts of the world where people kick a ball. Americans call this game “soccer.” You want to find an accountant to help you with your real estate business. You’ve never heard of rap music. You love dogs.

38.

You are Lady Gwendolyn Fiske. You are 55 years old and you’re from England. Your husband Reginald calls you “Gwennie.” You call him “Reggie.” But when you are in public, you call him “Sir Reginald” and he calls you “Lady Gwendolyn.” You want people to call you “Lady Gwendolyn” but Americans don’t understand English titles. They call you “Mrs. Fiske” or even “Gwen.” You don’t like that, but you are polite about it. You don’t know about American football. You love dogs.

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