

## New RAM English Zone Typical mistakes 1

T: Starting this month, by popular demand, the New RAM English Zone is about typical mistakes Poles make in English. And to help us do this, I'd like to welcome guest speaker Verity Duncan onto the show.

V: Hi, I'm Verity Duncan from Plymouth, England. It's nice to be on RAM English Zone.

T: That's something you don't hear very often in Poland – the beautiful voice of an English woman.

V: Yeah all right, let's talk about mistakes.

T: The focus on the New English Zone is to be practical, so we will present typical mistakes in typical situations – those in which you may need English.

V: Today we are going to look at 'First meetings'.

T: If you are speaking English when you meet someone for the first time, you might be a bit stressed out (*zestresowany*) which could result in making mistakes.

V: A typical mistake is to say 'Good to see you'.

T: Yes, 'Good to see you' is said when you already know someone and meet them again.

V: When you first meet someone new, you can say:

- a) Nice to meet you, I'm... Verity
- b) It's very nice to meet you, I'm... Verity
- c) Good to meet you, I'm Verity

V: After this there are usually a couple of questions.

T: You might be asked 'where are you from? '. A typical mistake is to say 'I from Kłodzko'. You should say '**I'm** from Kłodzko' or, my hometown (*rodzinne miasto*) is Kłodzko.

V: You might want to ask someone about their job. A typical mistake here is to say 'What you do?' You should say, 'What do you do? Or more specifically, 'What do you do for a living?'

T: When you answer this question, remember to use an article (a or an). I'm **a** doctor. I'm **a** I.T specialist. I'm **an** architect.

V: And if you are unemployed, just say 'I'm between jobs'. Let's sum up:

T: In first meetings, say:

- a) Nice to meet you, I'm... Terry .
- b) It's very nice to meet you, I'm... Terry.

or

c) Good to meet you, I'm Terry.

If you meet someone again you can then say 'Good to see you' or 'Good to see you again'.

V: You can ask: 'Where are you from?' and the answer should be 'I'm from Kłodzko or 'My hometown is Kłodzko.

T: You can ask: 'What do you do for a living?' – And answer 'I'm a teacher, I'm an engineer or I'm a dentist.

V: And if you are unemployed, say 'I'm between jobs'.

T: Tune in tomorrow to hear more solutions to typical mistakes in another typical situation.

V: New RAM English Zone on typical mistakes

T: With Terry Clark-Ward and Verity Duncan.