

Greetings



Some Common Greetings and Response Examples

- Good morning. (formal/informal) Response—Good morning.
- Good afternoon. (formal/informal) Response—Good afternoon.
- Good evening. (formal/informal) Response—Good evening.
- Hello. (usually informal) Response—Hello.
- Hi. (informal) Response—Hi.
- Nice to meet you. (formal/informal) Response—Nice to meet you too.
- Pleased to meet you. (formal) Response—Pleased to meet you too.
- Good to see you. (formal/informal) Response—Good to see you too.

If you are greeted with a “How” question, the response is usually a feeling.
If you are greeted with a “What” question, the response is usually an action.

- How`'s it going? (formal/informal) Response—I`'m good.
- How are you doing? (formal/informal) Response—I`'m tired.
- How`'s life? (informal) Response—I`'m OK.

- What`'s up? (informal) Response—Not much. I`'m about to have lunch.
- What`'s new? (formal/informal) Response—I`'ve been studying this week.
- What`'s going on? (formal/informal) Response—I`'m going home in a few minutes.

Goodbye or Thank you?

“Goodbye” and “thank you” are fine to use in any situation, but there are many different phrases in English that have the same meaning. Do the following phrases mean goodbye or thank you?:

- 1) Later. goodbye or thank you
- 2) Cheers. goodbye or thank you
- 3) Thx. goodbye or thank you
- 4) Take care. goodbye or thank you
- 5) Take it easy. goodbye or thank you
- 6) Ta. goodbye or thank you
- 7) It has been a pleasure. goodbye or thank you
- 8) Much obliged. goodbye or thank you
- 9) So long. goodbye or thank you
- 10) Bye-bye. goodbye or thank you
- 11) Gracias. goodbye or thank you
- 12) See you. goodbye or thank you
- 13) Merci. goodbye or thank you
- 14) I appreciate it. goodbye or thank you

Let's Practice

Practice the following conversations with a partner. Take turns being Person A and Person B. Try to speak only in English. If you have any questions please ask!

Conversation 1 (Informal)

Person A: "Hello, I'm ____ (first name) _____. I don't believe we've met. What's your name?"

Person B: "Nice to meet you _____. I'm ____ (first name) _____."

Person A: "Do you live here in New York?"

Person B: "No, I'm just visiting. I'm from _____. Do you live in New York?"

Person A: "No, I'm also here visiting friends. What do you think about New York?"

Person B: "It's _____."

Conversation 2 (Formal)

Person A: "Pleased to meet you. My name is ____ (first name) ____ (last name) _____. I am a programmer at Google."

Person B: "Pleased to meet you too. My name is ____ (first name) ____ (last name) _____. How can I help you today?"

Person A: "I'm designing a new app, and I'm looking for people to help with my project."

Person B: "My specialty is design. I'd be happy to help. Here's my business card. Feel free to email me at the address listed here."

Person A: "Great. Here's my business card. Thank you for your time today, and I appreciate your help."

