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## 21 ways to say hello and goodbye in american english

The other day I was speaking with a woman who came to the United States from Japan about 7 years ago. I was completely impressed with her English. I could hardly tell she was a non-native English speaker! I told her how well she spoke and she thanked me, but she said that even though she spoke great "textbook" English, when she came to the U.S. from Japan, she struggled every day with casual greetings. One day, someone said to her, "Have a good one!" and she had no idea what they were saying goodbye! Are you struggling with greetings also? In today's video lesson, I will teach you 21 ways to say "hello" and "goodbye" in American English. Watch the video below to get started!

21 ways to say "hello" and "goodbye" in American English

- 1) "Hey there": This is casual, friendly, and familiar. It could be used between good friends or romantic partners in spoken English, text messages, voice mail messages or emails.
- 2) "What's going on?": This is casual and could be used between friends, colleagues, siblings, etc.
- 3) "Good morning" or "good afternoon": These greetings are generally more formal and are often used in restaurants, hotels, shops or at work between colleagues.
- 4) "How are you doing today?": This is formal and might be used between a professional and a client or customer.
- 5) "How are you today?": This is similar to "How are you?" but it is usually used casually.
- 6) "How are things?": This is simply another way of saying "how are you." It is usually used casually.
- 7) "How's everything?": This is very similar to "how is everything?" and is perhaps more casual than "how is everything?"
- 8) "Good to see you": This could all be used informally or casually between business colleagues, friends, or family members. These phrases are often used when you haven't seen the person in a while.
- 9) "Good to see you": These could all be used informally or casually between business colleagues, friends, or family members. These phrases are often used when you haven't seen the person in a while.
- 10) "What's happening" or "What's happenin'": This is mostly used by young people (college age or younger). They might use the phrase to greet their friends when they arrive at a party or when they see each other in class.
- 11) "How's it going?": This is casual, especially when you shorten it as in "How's it goin?"
- 12) "Good evening": This is formal and is often used in upscale (expensive) hotels or restaurants to greet guests.
- 13) "See you later" or "see ya later": This becomes more casual when you use "ya" instead of "you."
- 14) "See you soon" or "see ya soon": This is similar to the example above. It can be used to indicate that you want to or plan to meet with the person again soon.
- 15) "Take care": This could be formal or casual, but is usually used with people you know or care about. You might use this in an email or written letter.
- 16) "Talk to you soon": This is used more often in writing emails or on the phone than in daily spoken interactions. It is usually casual.
- 17) "See you next time": This is used when you know you will be returning to a specific place and you will see the person when you come back.
- 18) "Catch ya later": This is used very casually between friends or acquaintances.
- 19) "Have a good one": This means, "have a nice day" and is used casually, but it could be used between strangers, friends, colleagues, or family members. Remember, in English there is more than one way to "hi" and "goodbye"! So now that you know 21 alternatives, try to use them as much as you can. If you want to make them a part of your vocabulary, try also listen to them in your daily life. By hearing them often, you will understand when and how to slip them into a conversation. Good luck and remember to practice every day!
- 20) Photo credit: midiman, Official U.S. Navy Imagery, Magnus Brath.
- 21) Here we take a look at some set expressions we use in spoken English to start and end conversations, ways to start a conversation You probably know and use the question "How are you?" You can also use these in casual spoken English: "What's happening?" "How's it going?" "What's up?" "How have you been?" Responses Here are some typical responses to the above questions: "What's happening?" "How's it going?" "Not much." "How's up?" "The usual." "How have you been?" "Pretty good." ending a conversation These are expressions that we use when we want to show that are about to end the conversation. "I've got to be going." "It's time I made a move." "I really must be running along." "Is that the time? I've got to go." "It's time I left." "I've got to get back to... work/school." saying goodbye Saying "goodbye" is a simple way of...er...saying goodbye! Here are some other simple and casual ways to say it, too. "See you later." "Catch you later." "Take care." "Ta-ta." "Ta-ra" and "Cheerio" are all very common in casual British English.

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