

Hello in many languages

This page shows equivalents of 'hello' or similar general greetings in many languages. It also shows how to say 'hello' on the telephone, if there is a different way of doing so.

Guide to abbreviations: inf = informal, frm = formal, sg = singular (said sg), dl = dual (said to two people), pl = plural (said to three or more people), rsp = respectful form, m = said by men, f = said by women

Language	Hello / general greetings	Hello (on phone)
Abkhaz	Бзиа збаша (Bzia zbaşa) Бзиара убааит (Bziara ubaait) - m Бзиара ббааит (Bziara bbaait) - f Бзиара жэбааит (Bziara žəbaait) - pl	
Adyghe	Фэсапшы Сэлам (inf)	АЛЛО
Afrikaans	Haai (inf) Hallo Goeie dag (frm)	
Aklan	Kamusta Hay Hello Fâla	
Albanian (Gheg)	Mir-dita (<i>good day</i>) Qysh je ? Si je ? Tun-gât-jeta (<i>may your life be longer</i>)	Alo
Albanian (Tosk)	Ç'kemi Tungjatjeta	Alo
Aleut	Aang Hallo Güete Tag Buschur	
Alsatian	Güata Tàg Göte Tàij Grias di wohl Salü	
Amharic	ሰላም። (sälam) [<i>peace</i>] - inf ታዲያስ። (tadyass) - inf [<i>how is it?</i>] - inf ጤና ይሰጥልኝ። (tenaistəlləñ) >frm [<i>may he (God) give you health on my behalf</i>]	

Arabic (Modern Standard)	(as-salām 'alaykum) السلام عليكم rsp - (wa 'alaykum as-salām) و عليكم السلام inf - (marḥaban) مرحبا	(ʿallō) ألو
Arabic (Egyptian)	(is salām 'alaykum) السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ rsp - (wa 'alaykum is salām) و عليكم السَّلَام (ahlan wa sahlān) أهلاً وسهلاً rsp - (ahlan beek) أهلاً بيك inf - (ahlan) أهلاً	
Arabic (Lebanese)	Mar7aba	
Arabic (Moroccan)	(ssalamū 'lekum) اسلا عليكم	(alu) الو
Aragonese	Ola	
Aramaic	Shlomo	
Arapaho	Héébee (m) Tous (f/m>f)	
Armenian (Eastern)	բարև (Barev) inf ԲարևՁեղ (Barev dzez) frm	ալլո (Alló)
Armenian (Western)	Բարեւ: (Parev) inf Բարեւ ձեղ: (Parev tsez) frm	
Aromanian	Bunâ dzuâ	
Arrente	Werte	
Assamese	নমস্কাৰ (nomoskaar)	
Asturian	Hola Bonos díes	
Atikamekw	Kwei Matcaci	
Azeri	Salam Salam əleyküm Əleyküm salam (reply)	
Basque	Kaixo	
Bavarian	Servus Seavas Griaß God	
Belarusian	Вітаю (Vitayu) Дзень добры (Dzien' dobry) Дабрыдзень (Dabrydzien) Прывітанне (Pryvitanne) - inf	
Bengali	নমস্কাৰ (nômoshkar) - <i>for Hindus</i> আসসালামু আলাইকুম (assalamualaikum) স্লামালিকুম (slamalikum) - <i>for Muslims</i>	হ্যালো (hyālō)

Bhojpuri	प्रणाम (prannam)	
Bosnian	Dobar dan (frm) Zdravo Salud	Halo Molim
Breton	Mat an traoù? Mat an traoù ganit? (inf) Mat an traoù ganeoc'h (frm/pl)	
Bulgarian	Здравейте (Zdravejte) frm Здравей (Zdravej) inf Здрасти (Zdrasti) inf Привет (Privet) - regards, greetings	Ало (Alo) Докуване (Dočuvane)
Hello (General greeting)	□□□□□□□ (min-ga-la-ba)	□□□□□? (hello)
Cape Verdean Creole	Olá Oi	
Catalan	Hola Bon dia	Hola? Si? Digui?
Cebuano	Hello Hoy Uy	
Chabacano de Zamboanga	Que tal? Hola!	
Chabacano de Cavite	Ola	
Chamorro (Guam dialect)	Hâfa âdai Buenas	
Chamorro (North Marianas dialect)	Hafa Adai	
Chechen	Салам	
Cherokee	ᎠᎩᎩ (Osiyo) ᎠᎩᎩ (Siyο)	
Chichewa	Moni	
Chinese (Cantonese)	你好 (néih hóu)	喂 (wái)
Chinese (Hakka)	你好 (ngi ² ho ³) 你好冇? (ngi ² ho ³ mo?)	喂 (oi)
Chinese (Mandarin)	你好 (nǐ hǎo) - inf 您好 (nín hǎo) - frm	喂 (wéi)
Chinese (Shanghainese)	侬好 (nong23 hao34) 大家好! (dâka-hô!) - <i>hello everybody</i>	

	饭吃过伐? (ve23 qik3 gu5 va1?) - "have you eaten?"	
Chinese (Taiwanese)	你好 (lí-hó) - sg 恁好 (lín-hó) - pl	喂 (ôe)
Chinese (Teochew)	汝好 (leu ² ho ²)	
Chipewyan	?édlánet'é	
Choctaw	Halito	
Cimbrian	Guuten takh	
Cornish	Dydh da , Hou , Ha , Hou sos Lowena dhis (sg) Lowena dhywgh (pl)	
Corsican	Salute Bonghjornu	
Croatian	Bok Ćao Dobar Dan	
Cuyonon	Hello; Kamosta?	
Czech	Ahoj (inf) Čau (inf) Čus (inf) Nazdar (inf) Dobrý (inf) Dobrý den (frm)	Haló
Danish	Hej	Hallo
Dutch	Hallo Goededag Goeiedag (inf)	
Elfdalian	Hej Høj Góðdag	
English (British)	Hello Hi (inf)	Hello
Eritrean	ታዲያላ (tadiyalä)	
Esperanto	Saluton	Halo
Estonian	Tere Tervist	
Ewe	Nilyenia Gbedoname	
Faroese	Hallo Hey	

Fijian	Bula (inf) Drau bula (dl) Dou bula (pl) Nibula (mp)	
Finnish	Terve Hyvää päivää Päivää Moi Hei	Haloo?
French	Bonjour (frm) Salut (inf)	Allô?
Frisian (North) Frisian (Sater)	Moin / Guundach Gouden Dai	
Frisian (West)	Hoi Goeie A goeie Goedei	
Friulian	Mandi	
Galician	Ola	
Georgian	გამარჯობა (gamarjoba)	ალო (alo) გისმენთ (gisment)
German	Hallo Guten Tag Servus (used in Austria & Bavaria) Moin	Hallo
Greek (Modern)	Γειά! (Ya) - inf Γειά σου (Ya su) - inf Γειά σας (Ya sas) - frm	Έλα (Éla) - inf Λέγετε (Léyete) - frm Εμπρός (Embrós) - inf
Greenlandic	Aluu (inf) Inuugujoq / Kutaa (frm)	Haluu
Gujarati	નમસ્તે (namaste)	
Haitian Creole	Bonjou Sannu	
Hausa	Salama alaikum A gaishai ka Amin. Alaikum salam (reply)	
Hawaiian	Aloha	
Hebrew	(šalom) שלום	(halo) הלו
Herero	Tjike	
Himba	Mono	

Hindi	नमस्ते (namaste) नमस्कार (namaskār)	हेलो (helo)
Hmong (White)	Nyob zoo (<i>live well</i>)	
Hungarian	Jó napot kívánok / Szervusz / Szia	Halló
Icelandic	Halló / Góðan dag / Góðan daginn Sæll (>m) Sæl (>f)	
Ido	Saluto	
Igbo	kedu	
Indonesian	Hi Apa kabar?	Halo
Interlingua	Bon die! Salute! (<i>on meeting</i>) Holla! (<i>to call attention</i>) Vide! (<i>to express surprise</i>)	Hallo!
Inuktitut	◁Δ (Ai) ◁Δ [~] Δ (Ainngai)	
Iñupiaq	Halauḡikpiñ	
Irish (Gaelic)	Dia dhuit (sg) Dia dhaoibh (pl) Dia is Muire dhuit (sg) - <i>reply</i> Dia is Muire dhaoibh (pl) - <i>reply</i>	
Italian	Ciao Salve	Pronto?
Jutish	Godaw	
Japanese	今日は (konnichiwa) おっす (ossu) - used between close male friends	もしもし (moshi moshi)
Javanese	Halo	
Jèrriais	Salut / Bouônjour	
Kashubian	Witôjze	
Kannada	ನಮಸ್ತೆ (namaste) ನಮಸ್ಕಾರ (namaskāra)	
Kashmiri	Assalām ‘alaikum (> <i>Muslims</i>) Namaskār (> <i>Hindus</i>) Halo (inf) आदाब (aadaab)	
Kazakh	Сәлем! (Sälem!) - inf Сәлеметсіз бе? (Sälemetsiz be?) - frm	
Khmer	ជំរាបស្នាម (johm riab sua) - frm surs dey (inf)	
Khoekhoe (Nama)	Halau	

Kinyarwanda	Muraho / Bite (inf)	
Kiribati	Ko na mauri Mauri	
Klingon	nuqneH ('What do you want?') - <i>general 'greeting'</i> <i>used when confronted by another</i>	
Korean	안녕하십니까 (annyeong-hasimnikka) - frm 안녕하세요 (annyeonghaseyo) - inf 안녕 (annyeong) - inf	여보세요 (yeoboseyo)
!Kung San	!kao Merheba	
Kurdish (Kurmanji)	Silav Silamun eleykum Rojbaş (inf)	
Kurdish (Sorani)	Sillaw, Ew kata bash, Em kata bash Салам! (Salam!) - sg/inf Саламатсыңбы! (Salamatsyngby!) - sg/inf Саламатсыңарбы! (Salamatsyngarby!) - sg/inf Саламатсызбы! (Salamatsyzby!) - sg/frm Саламатсыздарбы! (Salamatsyzdarby!) - pl/frm Саламатчылык! (Salamatchylyk) - reply/frm	Elu
Kyrgyz	Ассалом алейкум! (Assalom aleykum!) - m/>m Алейкум Ассалам! (Aleykum Assalam!) - <i>reply</i> Саламат! (Salamat!) - <i>short reply</i> Саламатчылык! (Salamatchylyk) - <i>full reply</i> Арыбаңыз! (Arybangyz!) - sg/frm Бар болуңуз! (Bar bolunguz!) - reply	
Lakota Sioux	Hau (m) Heus (inf)	
Latin	Ave Salve (sg) Salvete (pl)	
Latvian	Sveiki	
Limburgish	Hallo	
Lithuanian	Labas , Sveikas , Sveiki	Alio
Low Saxon	Moin	
Lozi	Lumela (sg) Mlumeleng (pl)	

Lule Sámi	Buoris	
Luxembourgish	Moien / Salut	
Macedonian	Здраво (Zdravo)	Ало (Alo) - on phone
Malagasy	Manao ahoana e	
Malay	Selamat pagi (good morning) Selamat petang (good afternoon) Selamat malam (good night) Assalamualaikum (used by Muslims)	
Malayalam	നമസ്കരം (namaste) നമസ്കാരം (namaskaram)	
Mam	Jeeka, ma tzuula (sg) Jeeka, ma chi uula (pl) Ma (<i>reply</i>)	
Manx (Gaelic)	Dy bannee diu, Ta shiu/oo cheet!	
Maldivian	Assalaamu Alaikum (frm) Kihineh? (inf)	
Maltese	Hello Hawn Aw Kia ora Kia ora rā kōrua (dl) Kia ora koutou (pl) Tēnā koe (sg/frm) Tēnā kōrua (dl/frm) Tēnā koutou (pl/frm)	
Māori		
Marathi	नमस्कार (namaskār)	
Mongolian	Сайн уу? (Sain uu?) Сайн байна уу? (Sain baina uu)	Байна уу (Baina uu)
Nahuatl	Niltze / Tialli / Pialli	
Navajo	Yá'át'ééh	
Newari / Nepal Bhasa	ज्वजलपा	
Ndebele (Northern)	Salibonani	
Nepali	नमस्ते (namaste)	
Northern Sámi	Bures Bures bures (<i>reply</i>)	
Northern Sotho	Dumêlang Thôbêla Helele Hai	

Norwegian	Goddag / Hei / Morn	Hallo
Occitan	Bonjorn! Adieu! Adieussiatz!	
Ojibwe	Aniin (inf) / Bozhoo (frm)	
Old English	Wes hāl (sg) Wesap hāl (pl)	
	ନମସ୍କାର (namascara)	
Oriya	ଶୁଣିବେ? (sunibe?)	
	हार् (hāē)	
Papiamentu	Bon dia	
	Halo	
	(khe chare) بنی چاری	
Pashto	(salaam) سلام	
	(as-salaamu' alaykum) السلام عايكم	
Persian (Farsi)	(dorood) درود (salâm) سلام	
Pitjantjatjara	Wai, Wai palya	
	Cześć (inf)	
Polish	Siema (vinf)	Halo
	Siemano (vinf)	Słucham
		Está lá?
Portuguese	Olá	Estou sim?
		Estou?
		Hâlo
	Oi!	
	E aí?	
Portuguese (Brazilian)	Tudo bem?	Alô?
	Tudo certo?	
	Opa!	
	ਸਤਿ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ / ست سري آكال (sat srī akāl)	
Punjabi	ਨਮਸਕਾਰ / نمسكار (namaskar)	
Quechua	Rimaykullayki / Napaykullayki	
Romanian	Salut / Bună ziua	Alo
Romansh	Ciao / Tgau / Allegra	
Russian	Здравствуйтe! (Zdrávstvujte!) - frm	Алло? (Alló?)
	Привет! (Privét!) - inf	
Sakha	бирибиэт (biribiet) - frm	
	Дорообо (doroobo) - inf	
Samoan	Talofa / Falopa	

Sanskrit	नमस्ते (namaste) नमो नमः (namo namah) नमस्कारः (namaskārah)	
Sardinian (Logudorese)	Bone die	
Scots	Hello	
Scottish Gaelic	Halò Ciamar a tha thu? (inf) Ciamar a tha sibh? (frm/pl)	
Serbian	Здраво (Zdravo)	Молим (Molim)
Sesotho	Lumela; Dumela (sg) Dumelang (pl) Helele	
Shona	Mhoro (sg) Mhoroi (pl) Ciau Salutamu	
Sicilian	Assa binidica Sabbidinica [assabbini'rika] (<i>formal for elderly people</i>)	
Sinhala	ආයුබෝවන් (āyubūvan)	හලෝ (halō)
Slovak	Ahoj (sg/inf) Ahojte (pl/frm) Nazdar Servus	
Slovenian	Pozdravljeni Živjo Zdravo (<i>in cities</i>)	Halo
Somali	Is ka warran	
Southern Sámi	Buaregh	
Spanish	¡Hola!	¡Diga! ¡Dígame! ¿Sí? ¿Bueno? ¡Hola! ¿Aló?
Stellingwarfs	Hoj	
Sundanese	Halo (<i>borrowed from Indonesian</i>) Habari (inf)	
Swahili	Hujambo (sg) Hamjambo (pl) Sijambo (reply)	

	God dag (frm)	
	Hej (inf)	
Swedish	Hallå (inf)	
	Tjena	
	Tja (vinf)	
	Grüezi (frm) / Sali (inf)	
Swiss German	Grüezi mittenand (pl/frm)	
	Sali zämme (pl/inf)	
	Musta? (inf)	Musta? (inf)
Tagalog	Kumusta? (frm)	Kumusta? (frm)
	Hello	Hello
	Hi	Hi
Tahitian	Ia ora na	
	வணக்கம் (vaṇakkam) - inf	
Tamil	வணக்க0 (vaṇakkā) - frm	
Tatar	Isänme(sez) / Sawmı(sız) / Sälam (inf)	
Telugu	నమస్కారం (namaskārām)	
	Elo	
Tetum	Hi	
	Miga (said by a visitor)	
Teribe	Kobe (said to a visitor)	
Thai	สวัสดี (sà-wàt-dee)	สวัสดี (hanlöh)
Tibetan	བུ་ཤིས་བདེ་ལེགས། (tashi delek)*	
Tigrinya	ሰላም (selam)	
	Gude	
Tok Pisin	Hi	
	Hai	
	Mālō e lelei (inf)	
Tongan	Mālō ‘etau lava (frm)	
	Avuxeni	
Tsonga	Ahee (<i>reply</i>)	
Tswana	Dumela	
	АсаламугІалейкум! (Asalamu?aleykum!)	
	СаламгІапейкум! (Salam?aleykum!)	
Tsez	СаламгІапейкум! (Biziyä!) (>f)	
	Изийаь! (Iziyä!) (>m)	
	Ризийаь! (Riziyä!) (>pl)	
	Merhaba	
Turkish	Selam	Alo, Efendim
	İyi günler	

Ukrainian	Вітаю (Vitayu) - frm Агов (Ahov) - inf	Алло (Allo) Слухаю (Sluchaju)
Ulch	Сородэ	
Urdu	(āssālam 'alaykum) السلام عليكم reply - (wālaikum assalām) و عليكم السلام inf - (salām) سلام	(helo) هیلو
Uzbek	Salom	Ishlaringiz yaxshimi? Ahvolingiz qalay?
Venda	I nhlikanhi	
Venetian	Ciao!	
Vietnamese	Chào anh (>m) Chào chị (>f)	Á-lô!
Volapük	Glidis	
Võro	Tereq	
Walloon	Bondjoû	
Warlpiri	Ngurrju mayinpa	
Welsh	Helô Hylô Shwmae S'mae	
Wolof	Na nga def (sg) Na ngeen def (pl) Salaam aleekum	
Xhosa	Molo (sg) Molweni (pl)	
Yapese	Mogethin	
Yiddish	(A gutn tog) א גוטן טאג	
Yoruba	Ẹ n lẹ	
Yucatec Maya	Ba'ax ka wa'alik?	
Zazaki	Selam / Ma be xér / Demê şıma be xeyr	
Zulu	Sawubona (sg) Sanibonani (pl)	