

■ Greetings in German

Common German greetings, meanings, and when to use them.

German	English	When to use
Hallo!	Hello!	Casual / general
Guten Morgen!	Good morning!	Morning
Guten Tag!	Good day! / Hello!	Formal / daytime
Guten Abend!	Good evening!	Evening
Gute Nacht!	Good night!	Before sleeping
Hi!	Hi!	Very casual
Grüß Gott!	Hello!	Formal; southern Germany/Austria
Grüß dich!	Hello!	Informal
Wie geht's?	How are you?	Informal
Wie geht es Ihnen?	How are you?	Formal
Auf Wiedersehen!	Goodbye!	Formal
Tschüss!	Bye!	Informal
Bis bald!	See you soon!	Casual
Bis morgen!	See you tomorrow!	Casual

■ Useful Responses

- **Hallo! Wie geht's?** — Hello! How are you?
- **Gut, danke!** — Good, thank you!
- **Sehr gut, danke.** — Very good, thank you.
- **Und dir?** — And you? (informal)
- **Und Ihnen?** — And you? (formal)

■ Quick Tip

du is used in informal situations, while **Sie** is used for formal or polite communication. *Wie geht's?* is informal, while *Wie geht es Ihnen?* is formal.