

Different ways to greet people in English

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“Hello, how are you?” or “Hey, how’s it going?”. There are many different ways to greet people in English and also a difference in formal and informal greetings. So take a look at the examples we have left for you to greet people like a native speaker!

Formal greetings:

English	Spanish
Hello, how are you?	Hola ¿Cómo está?
Nice to see you	Me alegro verte
Pleased to meet you	Encantado(a) de conocerle
Good morning	Buenos días
Good afternoon	Buenas tardes
Good evening	Buenas noches

Informal greetings:

English	Spanish
Hey, how are you doing? / how’s it going?	¡Hola! ¿Cómo vas?
Good to see you	Me alegro de verte
What’s new? / What’s up?	¿Qué hay de nuevo?
Long time no see	¡Tiempo sin verte!



Tips:

- Use the correct greeting depending on how formal/informal the situation is; for your job use the formal greetings, and with your friends use the informal greetings.
- Always greet them with a smile!
- Gestures and non-verbal greetings are also important. Shake the hand of your boss and give your friend a hug.
- Remember to respond to the person as well as greet them yourself.
- You should respond to someone saying “Nice to meet you” or “Pleased to meet you” with the phrase: “Nice to meet you too!” or “Likewise!”



What not to do:

- Never greet your boss or interviewer informally. Always use formal greetings in professional situations
- Don’t use informal gestures such as a hug in formal or professional situations. A hand shake is always the best in these contexts.
- Don’t ignore the person after greeting them. They will want you to respond to their greeting and continue a conversation.

Using the right greeting in the right scenario is very important in English so we hope that these tips will help you! And remember that you can keep practicing your greetings in our live classes with your teacher and fellow students in a group class, or just your teacher in a private 1:1 class!

