

# Page 2: Informal Greetings (Ghair Rasmee Salaam)

## Common Informal Greetings

English	French	English Pronunciation	Urdu Pronunciation	Context
Hi/Hello	Salut	sah-loo	سالو	Most common informal greeting
How's it going?	Ça va?	sah vah	سا وا	Casual "how are you"
What's up?	Quoi de neuf?	kwah duh nuf	کوا د نف	"What's new?"
Hey!	Coucou	koo-koo	کو کو	Very casual, cute
See you later	À tout à l'heure	ah too tah lur	آ تو تا لر	See you soon (same day)
See you tomorrow	À demain	ah duh-mahn	آ د مان	See you tomorrow
Bye	Ciao	chow	چاو	Italian origin, very casual
Kiss/Hugs (bye)	Bisous	bee-zoo	بی زو	Friendly goodbye
Later!	À plus	ah ploos	ا پلوس	Very casual "see ya"
Good day	Bonne journée	bun zhoor-nay	بون ژورنے	Wishing good day (casual)
Take care	Prends soin de toi	prahn swahn duh twah	پران سوان د توا	Caring goodbye

## Key Informal Phrases

### Salut (سالو) - "sah-loo"

Most common informal greeting - "Hi/Hello"

**Use with:** Friends, family, people your age

**Example:** "Salut! Ça va?"

**Never use with:** Elders or strangers!

### Ça va? (سا وا) - "sah vah"

Casual "How are you?"

**Response:** "Ça va bien!" (I'm good!) or "Ça va!" (Good!)

## Coucou (كُوكُو) - "koo-koo"

Very casual, cute greeting - "Hey!"

**Use with:** Close friends, children

## Ciao (چاؤ) - "chow"

Very casual "Bye" (Italian origin)

**Example:** "Ciao! À plus!"

## À demain (امّا دِيـمـاـيـنـ) - "ah duh-mahn"

"See you tomorrow"

**Example:** "Bonne nuit! À demain!"

## Bisous (بیـزوـ) - "bee-zoo"

"Kisses/Hugs" - Friendly goodbye

**Use in:** Messages and with close friends

**Short form:** "Biz"

# Informal Conversation Example

**Friend A:** Salut! Ça va?

**Friend B:** Ça va bien! Et toi?

**Friend A:** Super! Quoi de neuf?

**Friend B:** Rien de spécial.

### Leaving:

**Friend A:** Bon, je dois partir. À demain!

**Friend B:** OK! Bisous!

**Friend A:** Ciao!

# Formal vs Informal

### Formal

Bonjour

Comment allez-vous? Ça va?

Vous (formal you)      Tu (informal you)

### Informal

Salut

Tu (informal you)

Formal	Informal
Au revoir	Ciao / À plus
À bientôt	À tout!

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## When to Use Informal Greetings?

### Use With:

- Close friends
- Family members
- Classmates
- People your age
- Casual settings

### Don't Use With:

- Strangers
- Elderly people
- Teachers/Professors
- Bosses
- Professional settings
- First meetings

## Rules

1. Use "tu" (informal you), not "vous"
2. Drop titles - No Monsieur/Madame
3. Short forms OK - "À tout!" "À plus!" "Ciao!"
4. Be expressive - "Coucou!" "Bisous!"

## Text Message Shortcuts

Full	Short	Meaning
Salut	Slt	Hi
Ça va?	Cv?	How are you?
À plus tard	A+	See ya
À demain	A2m1	See you tomorrow
Bisous	Biz	Hugs

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# French Cheek Kisses (La Bise)

Physical greeting with air kisses on cheeks:

- **Paris:** 2 kisses (left cheek first)
  - **Southern France:** 3 kisses
  - **Use with:** Friends & family only
  - **Don't use with:** Strangers or professional settings
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**Golden Rule:** Only use informal greetings when you know the person well! ☐