

Page 2: Informal Greetings

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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 لُر	See you soon (same day)
See you tomorrow	À demain	ah duh-mahn	آ د ماں	See you tomorrow
Bye	Ciao	chow	چاؤ	Italian origin, very casual
Kiss/Hugs (bye)	Bisous	bee-zoo	بی زو	Friendly goodbye
Later!	À plus	ah ploos	آ پلوس	Very casual "see ya"
Good day	Bonne journée	bun zhoor-nay	بون ژورنڈ	Wishing good day (casual)
Take care	Prends soin de toi	pahn swahn duh twah	پراں سوان د تو	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 (كو كو) - "koo-koo"

Very casual, cute greeting - "Hey!"

Use with: Close friends, children

Ciao (چاو) - "chow"

Very casual "Bye" (Italian origin)

Example: "Ciao! À plus!"

À demain (آ د ماں) - "ah duh-mahn"

"See you tomorrow"

Example: "Bonne nuit! À demain!"

Bisous (بی زو) - "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)

Informal

Salut

Ça va?

Tu (informal you)

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

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
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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!"
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Text Message Shortcuts

Full	Short	Meaning
Salut	Sl't	Hi
Ça va?	Cv?	How are you?
À plus tard	A+	See ya
À demain	A2m1	See you tomorrow
Bisous	Biz	Hugs

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

Golden Rule: Only use informal greetings when you know the person well! ☐