

# Page 2: Formal Greetings

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### Common Formal Greetings

English	French	English Pronunciation	Urdu Pronunciation	Context
Good day/Hello	Bonjour	bon-zhoor	بونژور	Most common formal greeting
Good evening	Bonsoir	bon-swahr	بون سواغ	Evening greeting
Good night	Bonne nuit	bun nwee	بون نوی	Saying goodbye at night
Hello (phone)	Allô	ah-loh	آلو	Phone greeting
Welcome	Bienvenue	byahn-vuh-noo	بیاں وُ نو	Welcoming someone
How do you do?	Comment allez-vous?	koh-mahn tah-lay voo	کو ماں تالا وُ وُو	Formal "how are you"
Pleased to meet you	Enchanté(e)	ahn-shahn-tay	آن شان تَہ	First meeting
See you soon	À bientôt	ah byahn-toh	آ بیاں تو	Formal goodbye
Goodbye	Au revoir	oh ruh-vwahr	او رُ ووار	Standard goodbye
Have a good day	Bonne journée	bun zhoor-nay	بون ژورنڈ	Wishing good day
Have a good evening	Bonne soirée	bun swah-ray	بون سوار	Wishing good evening

### Key Formal Phrases

#### Bonjour (بونژور) - "bon-zhoor"

Most common formal greeting. Use from morning to evening with strangers, elders, and in professional settings.

**Example:** "Bonjour, Monsieur" (Hello, Sir)

#### Comment allez-vous? (کو ماں تالا وُ وُو) - "koh-mahn tah-lay voo"

Formal way to ask "How are you?"

**Response:** "Je vais bien, merci" (I'm well, thank you)

# Enchanté/Enchantée (آه شانه تاي) - "ahn-shahn-tay"

"Pleased to meet you" - Used at first meetings.

- Enchanté (masculine)
- Enchantée (feminine)

## Au revoir (او ريه واهر) - "oh ruh-vwahr"

Standard formal goodbye.

**Example:** "Au revoir, Madame"

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## Important Titles

Title	Pronunciation	Meaning
Monsieur	muh-syuh	Sir/Mr.
Madame	mah-dahm	Madam/Mrs.
Docteur	dok-tur	Doctor
Professeur	proh-feh-sur	Professor

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## Formal Conversation Example

**Person A:** Bonjour, Monsieur. Je suis Marie Dupont.

**Person B:** Bonjour, Madame. Enchanté.

**Person A:** Comment allez-vous?

**Person B:** Je vais très bien, merci. Et vous?

**Person A:** Très bien, merci.

**Leaving:**

**Person A:** Au revoir et bonne journée!

**Person B:** Merci. À bientôt!

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## When to Use Formal Greetings?

☐ Use With:

- Strangers
- Elderly people
- Teachers/Professors
- Bosses/Authorities
- In shops/restaurants

- Professional settings
- First meetings

## ☐ Don't Use With:

- Close friends
  - Family
  - Children
  - Casual settings
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# Rules

1. **Always use "vous"** (formal you), not "tu"
  2. **Add titles:** Monsieur/Madame
  3. **Use complete phrases:** "Bonjour" not "Salut"
  4. **Proper goodbyes:** "Au revoir" not "Ciao"
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# Time-Based Greetings

- **Morning to Evening:** Bonjour
  - **Evening (6 PM+):** Bonsoir
  - **Night (leaving/sleeping):** Bonne nuit
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**Golden Rule:** When in doubt, use "Bonjour, Monsieur/Madame" ☐