Lesson • Speaking Essentials

Very simple conversation starters for brand-new learners.

In this lesson, we will practice basic introductions and greetings.

Each phrase has audio, click to hear it.

Transliterations [an approximate spelling using English letters] are also given, but try reading in Russian first.

Ты is *informal* "you" (friends, kids, people you know well).

Вы is *formal* or plural "you" (new people, elders, polite situations).

Здравствуйте [Zdrástvuyt'e] — a polite "Hello."

Привет [Pr'iv'et] — friendly "Hi."

Asking a name:

Как вас зовут? [Kak vas zovút?] (formal) vs.

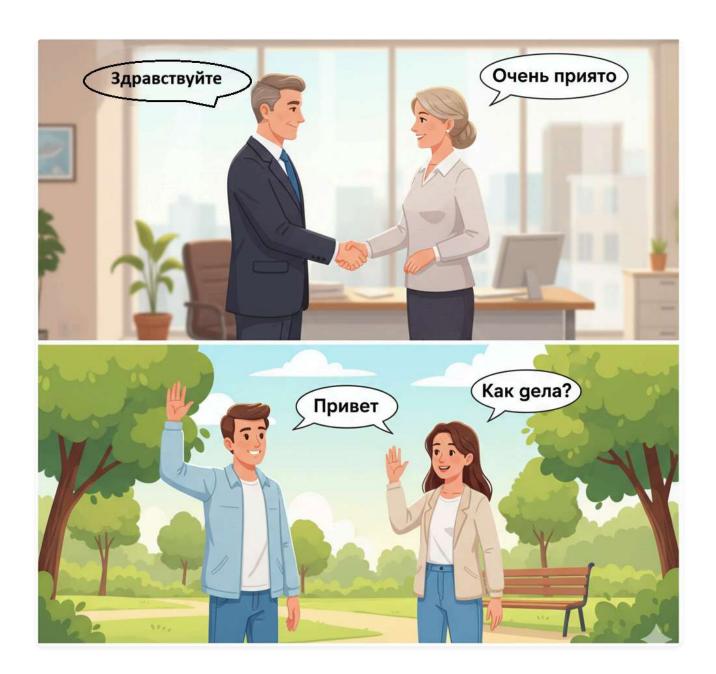
Как тебя зовут? [Kak t'eb'a zovut?] (informal).

Saying goodbye:

До свидания [Do sv'idán'iya] (neutral/formal) vs.

Пока [Poka] (casual "Bye").

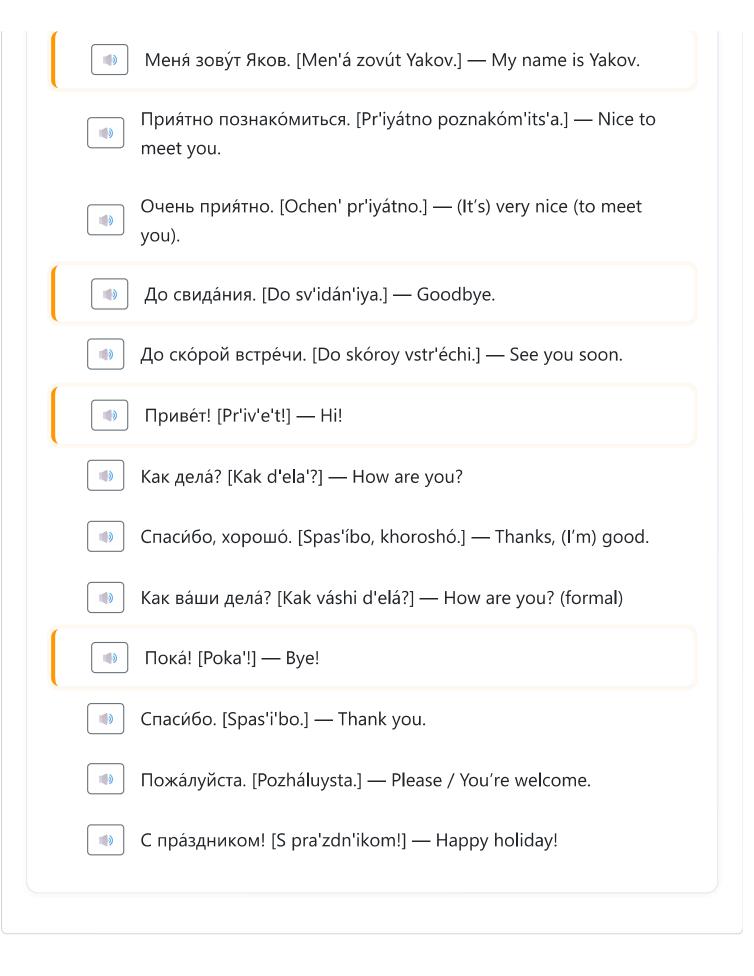
Tip: When in doubt, start formal (Вы / Здравствуйте). People will switch you to informal if appropriate.



Click the speaker to hear each phrase.

An **accent (')** above a vowel marks **stress**; an **apostrophe (')** after a consonant indicates **softening**. Minimal suggested phrases for your first practice session are highlighted in orange.

- 3дра́вствуйте [Zdrástvuyt'e] Hello (formal/polite)
- 🖜 Как вас зову́т? [Kak vas zovút?] What is your name? (formal)



Scan to hear the phrases and view the lesson online.



 $https://ellablac.github.io/Russian Course/less on 1/basic_greetings.html\\$

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