

Greetings in English

Words or phrases used for Greetings

Hey/Hi/How it going /What's up? /Encantado/Good to see you/Good morning /Afternoon /and Goodnight/Pleased to meet you /Are you ok?/Yo!/Howdy/Sup/Whazzup?

We probably already know "hello" and "how are you" whatever English speakers do not always say "hello" and "How are you?" We also use many other English greetings and expressions to slightly different things. English speaking people usually greet each other in an informal and formal way, so we can use these common conversation greetings for family, friends etc.

In Detail

Hey or hi: We can use "Hey" and "Hi" instead of hello. While "hi" is appropriate to use in a casual situation, "Hey" is for who have already met. Both of the words are popular among younger people.

How's it going? : When we are trying to be particularly polite, stick with "How are you?"

What's up: These words or phrases used for informal situation, majority of people answer this question "nothing "or "not much"

Good to see you: This greeting is used with close friends, co-workers, and family members. It's actually common for close friends to hug when they greet each other.

Long time no see: This greeting is used when we haven't seen someone in a long time. These phrases depend on how often we normally see that person.

Encantado: This greeting uses Latin American which means "glad to meet you". It is used in a formal situation.

Good morning /evening /afternoon: These phrases we used instead of "Hello". It is formal ways of "hello". When we meet someone beginning of the day we say, good morning. And when we meet late in the day we say "good evening.

Pleased to meet you: This greeting is used during only first time meeting to someone. It's more polite and formal.

Yo!: This greeting is actually informal which commonly used in America. It's also a slang of greeting, which often used jokingly. It should be only used with very close friends and family members.

Howdy: It is an informal greeting which used informal situation. It's full means, "How do you do?" this greeting is common in certain parts of Canada and U.S.A

Sup or wazzup: This greeting used instead of "What's up?". People answer this question "nothing ".

Contextual Application

Context -1(Conversation between two friends)

A: Hi! John, Good morning

B: Good morning! What's up?

A: Oh! I am writing a letter.

B:

Context –2 (Conversation between two businessmen)

A: Hey! It's nice to meet you again. How's it going?

B: Not bad! pleased to meet you again. Where are you going?

A: Oh! I am going to.....

Context –3 (Conversation between two friends, too meet for a long time)

A: How come I never see you?

B: It's been such a long time.

A: long time no see.

B: It's been ages since we last met

Context-4 (Conversation between customers and sellers)

A: Good morning, sir! What can I help you?

B: Good morning! give me a school bag.

A: Here is sir!

B: Ok! Nice to meet you.

A:

Context –5 (Between two friends talking about their daily life)

A: Hey! It's nice to meet you. How's life??

B: Oh! not bad. what's up?

A: I am going to airport

B: Glad to meet you.....

Making People Sensitize About Use

In daily life, language is the most important for communication. There is a diverse way of saying "greetings" in English. The languages are changing region to region, class to class and society to society. People use deference languages in a different situation, in languages people used some words or phrases with very close persons which are not formal. When we conversation with unknown persons, we should use informal words and phrases. The use of language may differ in one English speaking region than other. For example, An American teenager says "glad to meet you" but a Latin American say, "Encantado" for the same purpose. A successful conversation depends on a suitable contextual situation and regional variety.

Finally, greetings are not used everywhere it's only for a suitable situation. Which makes a good communication in different variety.