



Phrases 1

# Tips and notes

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## Hello

Russian has a more informal greeting «Привёт» and a more formal «Здравствуй(те)». Here, we focus on the first, since it is the shorter one.

When on phone, use «Алло» (Алё).

«Пожáлуйста» (please) has another popular position in the sentence—namely, after the verb (more on that later).

• *you can also use «пожáлуйста» as a reply to "thanks", meaning "You are welcome!"*

## How are you?

The phrase for "How are you?" literally means "How are your affairs (the stuff you do)?"

No one uses it as a greeting, i.e. you are not expected to use it with people you barely know (or those you know, for

that matter). And be prepared for a person to *actually* tell you how they've been doing. ;)

## Good morning!



You only use "Good night" (Спокойной нóчи) when parting before sleep (or saying your goodbyes really late, so it is implied you or the listener are going to bed soon after).

*If you are advanced enough to have noticed oblique forms used in some phrases—you are right! Greetings and*

*other similar expressions are often shortened versions of longer phrases, where words still retain their forms. For example, «Спокойной нóчи» probably replaces the longer «Я желаю вам спокойной нóчи!» (I wish you a peaceful night). Needless to say, the full version is never used.*

