

Zero and First Conditionals

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Ways to say goodbye in English

Bye

According to research, using the word *bye* to say goodbye in English isn't as common as you might think. If you ¹want / *will* want to learn about other ways to say goodbye, keep reading!

Bye-bye

Interestingly, *bye-bye* is even less common than *bye*. If you ²are / *will* be talking to small children, it ³is / *will* be OK to say *bye-bye*. For example, "Say *bye-bye* to Grandma and Grandpa." But you wouldn't usually say it to an adult.

Farewell

In the 1800s, *farewell* was the most common way of saying goodbye in English, but hardly anyone says it anymore. So it's better to avoid *farewell*—unless you ⁴are / *will* be interested in sounding very formal and old-fashioned on purpose!

Good night

Perhaps surprisingly, one of the most common ways to say goodbye in English is *good night*. You use this when you are going to bed, but you can also use it if you ⁵don't see / *won't* see the other person for the rest of the night.

Take care

Another way to say goodbye is *take care*. You can say this if you ⁶don't plan / *won't* plan to see somebody for some time. It means *take care of yourself*.

Nice to see you

It ⁷is / *will* be fine to say, "It was nice meeting you," when you ⁸say / *will* say goodbye to someone you have just met for the first time. But once you have met someone, and once you ⁹know / *will* know them better, you should start saying, "Nice to see you," instead.

Later

People often say, "See you later," to say goodbye. It's also possible to say, "Later," which is short for *see you later*, but unless you ¹⁰are / *will* be in an informal situation, it ¹¹is / *will* be a good idea to avoid using this one.

See you in a bit

It ¹²is / *will* be possible to say, "See you in a bit," if you ¹³see / *will* see the other person again very soon. For example, you can say this to your teacher when you ¹⁴leave / *will* leave the classroom for a 10-minute break.