

1. Ways to Say Hello.

Listen to the following examples of more formal ways to say hello to someone, and repeat the words in the pauses provided:

- Hello
- Good morning
- Good evening
- Good afternoon
- Hi
- Hiya!

Now we're going to teach you a few more informal and colloquial ways to say hello

- Hey!
- G'day(Australian, you will not hear this in the UK)
- Yo! (USA)
- Wassup?! (What's up?)
- Alright!
- Wotcha(England)
- 'ello (Inglaterra)

2. Starting a Conversation.

The greetings can all be followed by a question asking how someone is. For example:

- How are you?
- How's things? (How are things?)
- How's it going?
- How've you been? (How have you been?)
- What've you been up to? (What have you been up to?)
- What's happening? (INFORMAL)
- What's new? (INFORMAL)
- How's it hanging? (VERY INFORMAL)

Or you might just decide to use one of these expressions after greeting someone:

- Nice to see you!
- Nice to see you too!
- It's been a while! (...since we've seen each other)
- Long time no see!

(When it's been a long time since you last saw someone)

3. Saying Goodbye to Someone.

When someone says goodbye to someone in English, this is also known as a "farewell". First, the more formal expressions – repeat the expressions in the pauses provided

- Bye! (or Bye Bye!)
- See you later
- See ya!
- Take it easy
- Take care

The following expressions are more informal and colloquial ways to say goodbye.

- Catch you later!
- Later!
- Cheerio (funny farewell - England)
- Ta-ra! (British English)
- Toodle-oo! (funny)
- Toodle-pip! (funny)
- See you later, Alligator!
- The answer is: "In a while, crocodile."

4. Example Conversation One

Listen to the following conversation between Stuart and me and see how many of the expressions you can recognise.

TOM: Hi, Stuart!

STUART: Good evening, Tom! Nice to see you.

TOM: You, too. How've you been?

STUART: Busy, and you?

TOM: Pretty good, thanks. How's your new house?

STUART: It's great, thanks, I'm still organising things though. What've you been up to?

TOM: Not much really. Just work, and the occasional beer with friends...

STUART: Anyway, I must go, I'm late for dinner...

TOM: OK! Take it easy...

STUART: Catch you later...

TOM: Bye!

