

# Greetings & Farewells in Spanish

Everything you need to say hello, goodbye, and sound natural from day one

## How to use this sheet

This worksheet has three parts: **Greetings**, **Farewells**, and **Useful Street Expressions**. Study each section, then practice the short exercise at the end. All phrases are real, everyday Spanish — the kind you will hear on the street, in a café, or in a WhatsApp message.

## ◆ PART 1 — GREETINGS (Saludos)

→ **Formal vs. Informal** In Spanish, some greetings are **formal** (used with strangers, at work, with older people) and others are **informal** (used with friends and family). The difference matters a lot in Spanish culture!

### 01 — Basic greetings (used any time of day)

Spanish	English
Hola	Hello / Hi
Buenos días	Good morning (used until around noon)
Buenas tardes	Good afternoon (noon to sunset)
Buenas noches	Good evening / Good night
Buenas	"Buenas" alone — casual shortcut for any time of day

→ "Buenas" is extremely common in Latin America and Spain. You can use it any time — morning, afternoon, or night — and it sounds natural and friendly. Think of it as a relaxed "hey" or "hi".

### 02 — How are you? (and how to answer)

Spanish	English
¿Cómo estás?	How are you? (informal — one person)
¿Cómo está usted?	How are you? (formal — one person)
¿Cómo están?	How are you all? (a group)
¿Cómo te va?	How is it going? (informal, very common)
¿Qué tal?	How's it going? / What's up? (very casual)
¿Qué hay?	What's up? (very casual, Latin America)
¿Todo bien?	Everything good? (super casual, everyday)

→ **Common answers:**

Spanish	English
Muy bien, gracias	Very well, thank you
Bien, ¿y tú?	Good, and you? (informal)
Bien, ¿y usted?	Good, and you? (formal)
Todo bien	All good (casual)
Más o menos	So-so / More or less
Aquí, tirando	Getting by / Hanging in there (colloquial)

## ◆ PART 2 — FAREWELLS (Despedidas)

### 01 — Standard farewells

Spanish	English
Adiós	Goodbye (standard, works in any situation)
Hasta luego	See you later (very common, friendly)
Hasta pronto	See you soon
Hasta mañana	See you tomorrow
Hasta la próxima	Until next time
Nos vemos	See you (literally: we'll see each other)

<b>Cuídate</b>	Take care (informal)
<b>Cuídese</b>	Take care (formal)

**02 — Casual and quick farewells** (friends, WhatsApp, everyday situations)

Spanish	English
<b>Chao / Chau</b>	Bye (very informal, widely used in Latin America)
<b>Nos vemos luego</b>	Talk later / See you later
<b>Hablamos</b>	We'll talk (common in WhatsApp chats)
<b>Saludos</b>	Regards / Greetings (to sign off messages)
<b>Un abrazo</b>	A hug (warm, friendly sign-off for messages)
<b>Besos</b>	Kisses (informal, used among close friends/family)

→ "Nos vemos", "Hablamos", and "Chao" are probably the most common ways Spanish speakers say goodbye in everyday life — even more than "Adiós". Start using them right away!

**◆ PART 3 — USEFUL STREET EXPRESSIONS**

These are the expressions that native speakers use every single day. You won't always find them in textbooks, but you will **hear them constantly**. Learning them will make you sound natural immediately.

**01 — Reactions and responses**

Spanish	English
<b>¡Claro!</b>	Of course! / Sure!
<b>¡Claro que sí!</b>	Absolutely! / Of course!
<b>¡Por supuesto!</b>	Of course! / Certainly! (slightly more formal)
<b>¡Qué bueno!</b>	How great! / That's great!
<b>¡Qué bien!</b>	How nice! / Great! (very common)
<b>¡Qué pena!</b>	What a shame! / That's too bad!

<b>¡Qué lástima!</b>	What a pity!
<b>¡No me digas!</b>	No way! / You're kidding! (surprise)
<b>¡En serio?</b>	Really? / Seriously?
<b>¡Eso sí!</b>	That's for sure! / Exactly!

**02 — Everyday useful phrases** (you will need these every day)

Spanish	English
<b>Con permiso</b>	Excuse me (to pass through / get past someone)
<b>Perdón / Perdona</b>	Sorry / Excuse me (for small mistakes or interruptions)
<b>Disculpe</b>	Excuse me (formal, to get someone's attention)
<b>Por favor</b>	Please
<b>Gracias</b>	Thank you
<b>De nada</b>	You're welcome (standard)
<b>No hay de qué</b>	Don't mention it (warm, natural alternative)
<b>¿Me entiendes?</b>	Do you understand me? (informal)
<b>No entiendo</b>	I don't understand
<b>¿Puedes repetir?</b>	Can you repeat that? (informal)
<b>Más despacio, por favor</b>	Slower, please
<b>¿Cómo se dice...?</b>	How do you say...?

**03 — Introducing yourself** (first conversations)

Spanish	English
<b>Me llamo...</b>	My name is...
<b>Soy...</b>	I am... (also used for names)
<b>Mucho gusto</b>	Nice to meet you
<b>Encantado / Encantada</b>	Delighted to meet you (m / f)
<b>¿Cómo te llamas?</b>	What's your name? (informal)
<b>¿De dónde eres?</b>	Where are you from? (informal)

Soy de...	I'm from...
Igualmente	Likewise / Same here

**◆ EXERCISE — What would you say?**

Read each situation. Write the Spanish phrase you would use. There may be more than one correct answer — choose the one that feels most natural to you!

1. *You walk into a shop at 10 in the morning. How do you greet the person at the counter?*

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2. *Your friend asks "¿Cómo estás?" and you are doing great. What do you say?*

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3. *You need to get past someone on a busy street. What do you say?*

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4. *You are leaving a friend's house. You will see them tomorrow. How do you say goodbye?*

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5. *Your teacher says something too fast and you didn't understand. What do you ask?*

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6. *You meet someone new and want to introduce yourself. What are your first two sentences?*

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7. *Your friend tells you some bad news. You want to say "That's too bad!" — what do you say?*

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8. *You are ending a WhatsApp conversation with a friend. Write a natural goodbye message (2 phrases).*



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