



1. Things you need to know

Das muss man wissen!

1.

Yes, it's great to begin with a word of agreement: **Yes**

ja

2.

After saying "yes", sometimes there's no choice but to say "no"... From the tone you can tell that no means **No!**

nein

3.

Now that we've mastered "yes" and "no", it's time to ask for something, and say **Please**

bitte

4.

If we get what we asked for, we probably want to say thanks: you can just say **Thank You**

danke

5.

And you can also add emphasis by saying **Thanks a Lot**

vielen Dank

6.

Usually you'll get a standard response, such as "my pleasure", "no problem", or a modest response like: **You're welcome**

keine Ursache

7.

Now we already know how to put words together and say: **Yes, please**
ja, bitte

8.

Or: **No, thank you**

nein, danke

9.

“Excuse me” is an interesting phrase. When we want to be polite, get someone’s attention, make a comment, ask for something, the correct phrase is “excuse me”. For example, “Excuse me please, you’re stepping on my foot!” – **Excuse me**
Entschuldigung

10.

There is also a way to ask for forgiveness – “Ooh, I beg your pardon, I didn’t mean it!” If we accidentally hurt someone, we can say **I beg your pardon**
Verzeihen Sie bitte...

11.

When we want to express true sorrow or to apologize, the appropriate phrase is:
Sorry

Es tut mir leid

12.

And when everything is fine, you can say: **It’s okay**
in Ordnung

13.

Moving on to some “dating phrases”. The first word you’ll probably say at the beginning of the date is: **Hello**

Guten Tag

14.

And when you part ways? It’s always nice to say, I had a great time, hope to see you soon, **Goodbye**

Tschüss

15.

Sometimes you do want to see that person again, and sometimes you say “see you” just to be polite... in either case, we say: **See you**

Auf Wiedersehen!

16.

I wonder why almost every language has a special greeting for mornings. When you meet someone in the morning, you say: **Good morning!**

Guten Morgen!

17.

And there is also a special greeting for the afternoon: **Good afternoon!**

Guten Nachmittag!

18.

When you meet someone in the evening, you say: **Good evening!**

Guten Abend!

19.

And at night, when you are ready to go to sleep, you guessed right! – we say **Good night!**

Gute Nacht!

20.

After a good night's sleep, we're ready to start the new day. Or maybe we want to welcome a guest, or maybe someone is happy to meet us and says: “Good to see you... **Welcome!**”

Willkommen!

21.

When people meet each other, they usually exchange “small talk”. They aren't always interested in a specific answer, but they show interest: **What's new?**

Was gibts Neues?

22.

How are you today?

Wie geht es dir {Ihnen} heute?

23.

Some people simply ask, **How are you doing today?**

Wie läuft's so?

24.

Most people expect a polite answer and not a list of complaints... You can simply say: **Fine, thanks**

Danke, gut

25.

Everything's fine with me. What about you?

Bei mir ist alles in Ordnung und bei Ihnen?

26.

And if everything was okay, or at least no one complained, you can say politely: I enjoyed myself, **I had a lovely time**

Es war sehr angenehm

27.

And your host will probably reply: "It's my pleasure".

Yes, it's always a good idea to be polite... **It's my pleasure**

Es war mir ein Vergnügen

28.

And so, continuing to be polite, let us part by saying: **I wish you...**

Ich wünsche Ihnen...

29.

You could also say "best wishes", or "all the best", and maybe even wish someone **Good luck**

viel Glück

30.

You could, of course, add a little more detail, such as: **Good health and happiness**

Glück und Gesundheit

31.

And there's also **Happy Holiday**

ein schönes Fest

32.

And of course **Happy New Year**

ein gutes Jahr

33.

Another way of saying goodbye is **Bon voyage**
eine gute Reise

34.

Hey, kid, how old are you?! **Happy birthday**
Alles Gute zum Geburtstag

35.

And to mark a wedding anniversary, you would say **Happy anniversary**
alles Gute zum Hochzeitstag

36.

Have a good time, **Enjoy your stay**
einen angenehmen Aufenthalt

37.

And **Have a nice day**
einen schönen Tag!

38.

And you could always add this greeting: **All the best**
alles Gute!



12. Hotels

Hotel

355.

Now that we've landed safely, filled in all the forms and set out as tourists... let's think about the most common situations we may encounter. We'll begin at the hotel. Make a reservation in advance to make sure there's a room... **Making Hotel Reservations**

Zimmerreservierung

356.

If you didn't make a reservation, your first question to the hotel clerk is: **Hello, do you have a vacancy?**

Guten Tag. Haben Sie ein Zimmer frei?

357.

Here's the answer you don't want to hear: **Sorry, everything's taken**

Leider nicht. Bei uns ist alles besetzt.

358.

If you did make a reservation, you can say: **I have a reservation**

Ich habe reserviert.

359.

And if not, try your luck and hope for the best: **I don't have a reservation**

Ich habe nicht reserviert.

360.

Maybe you need to give more information: **I need a room...**

Ich brauche ein Zimmer ...

361.

for one night

für eine Nacht.

362.

for two adults and two children

für zwei Erwachsene und zwei Kinder

363.

This may sound odd, but based on experience it's a good idea to add: **with a bathroom**

mit Bad und Toilette

364

with a single bed or a double bed

mit Einzelbett oder mit Doppelbett

365.

Where is the room? **on the first floor**

im unteren Stock

366.

Or maybe **on the top floor**

im oberen Stock

367.

Do I need to take the stairs to get **upstairs**

die Treppe hinauf

368.

Or to get **downstairs**

die Treppe hinab

369.

But I have suitcases... Is there an elevator? **elevator**

Fahrstuhl

370.

The hotel's location is important for tourists and also affects the price. A hotel can be downtown, near the train station or in the suburbs. It's always good to know the hotel's exact address. **Where are you located?**

Wo befinden Sie sich?

371.

If the location isn't clear, you can always ask: **How do I get there from...?**

Wie komme ich zu Ihnen von ...?

372.

And of course, to avoid any surprises... **How much does it cost?**

Was kostet das bitte?

373.

This is not always obvious... **Does the price include breakfast?**

Ist der Preis mit Frühstück?

374.

Let's review meals! first, **breakfast**

Frühstück

375.

lunch

Mittagessen

376.

supper

Abendessen

377.

We've almost forgotten the hotel clerk on the phone... what should we tell him?

We'll take the room! **Thank you, I'll be there by... 4**

Danke, ich bin bis vier Uhr da.

378.

Most countries that welcome tourists have tourist information offices. Most hotels also have a tourist desk to answer tourists' questions... **Tourist Information**

Touristeninformation

379.

Fill in the following question as needed: **Excuse me, where can I find...?**

Entschuldigung, wo gibt es hier ...?

380.

Maybe we'll separate to shop in the market. We need a... **meeting point**

Treffpunkt

381.

Perhaps you have a free **map of the city**

Stadtplan

382.

Can you help me find ... **a car rental agency**

eine Autovermietung

383.

Actually, maybe I'd prefer a **taxi stand** or a **bus stop**

einen Taxistand / eine Bushaltestelle

384.

A train to...

einen Zug nach ...