



Useful German Phrases

For your reference, here are some common German greetings (Grüße) and pleasantries translated to English:



- **Hallo** – Hello! universal greeting
- **Guten Morgen** – Good morning
- **Guten Tag** – Greeting used throughout the day, more formal than “hallo”
- **Guten Abend** – Good evening
- **Gute Nacht** – Good night! only used when taking leave of somebody, assuming that somebody will go to bed now
- **Auf Wiedersehen** – Good bye formal
- **Tschüss** – Bye less formal than “auf Wiedersehen”
- **Danke** – thanks
- **Bitte** – please; You're welcome. – used on a variety of occasions: when asking somebody to do something, when giving him something and as reply to “Danke”.
- **Wie geht's?** – How are you?
- **Gut** – good, well
- **Sprechen Sie englisch?** – Do you speak English?
- **Deutsch** – German
- **Ja** – yes
- **Nein** – no
- **Prost** – Cheers!
- **Entschuldigung** – Excuse me; I'm sorry – Said both when trying to get somebody's attention and when you have made a mistake.

