

UHG1003 German 1

Topic 1

Begrüßungen / Sich verabschieden

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Greetings / Saying bye

- The aim of the first topic is to familiarize students with formal and informal greetings in German.
- Expected Outcome
 - At the end of the first topic, students will be able to greet someone in German according to the situation.

1- Begrüßungen - Greetings

a) Formal way (quite similar to their English counterparts in terms of pronunciation):

We use *formal* greetings when talking to people on a higher level of authority or people who are older than us.

Guten **[gu:tn]** Tag **[Tak]**! – Good day! (all day long)

Guten **[gu:tn]** Morgen **[mɔʁkn]**! – Good morning! (in the morning)

Guten **[gu:tn]** Abend **[a:bənt]**! – Good evening! (in the evening)

b) Informal / Regional Way:

Informal greetings are used usually in the family and with friends.

Hallo! **[hallo:]** – Hi!

Moin¹/ Moin-moin²! **[moin]** – Morning! / Hi! (Northern German)
(once¹: “hi-bye”, twice²: discussion starter)

Grüß Gott! **[gʁy:s gɔt]** – Hi! (Austrian, Southern German)

Servus **[sɛrvʊs]** – Hi! (Southern German)

Grüzi! **[gry:tsɪ]** – Hi! (Swiss German)

2- Sich verabschieden – Saying bye

a) Formal way:

Auf **[auf]** Wiedersehen **[vi:deze:n]**! – Good bye!
(lit.: Seeing [each other] again!)

Gute **[gu:tə]** Nacht **[naxt]**! – Good night!
(However, this phrase is most commonly used in the family or amongst friends.)

b) Informal way:

Tschüß **[tʃy:s]**! / Tschau **[tʃau]**! – Bye!

Bis **[bis]** bald **[balt]**! / gleich **[glaiç]**! – See you soon! / very soon!

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