

## greetings and introductions

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<p><b>Learning hint</b></p> <p>Open a magazine at random and use the pictures to practise German greetings – you can usually tell from the background and the way people are dressed what time of day it is. Don't confine yourself to greeting them: practise asking how they are – be formal or informal depending on the picture – then introduce yourself and think of how they would reply. You'll find it a help when you come to do it for real.</p>	
<p><b>Key language</b></p> <p><b>Guten Morgen</b> Good morning</p> <p><b>Guten Tag</b> Good day/ afternoon</p> <p><b>Guten Abend</b> Good evening</p> <p><b>Grüß Gott</b> Hello (in Southern Germany)</p> <p><b>Wie geht's dir?</b> How are you? (informal)</p> <p><b>Wie geht es Ihnen?</b> How are you? (formal)</p> <p><b>gut</b> Very well</p> <p><b>danke</b> Thank you</p> <p><b>auch</b> Also</p>	<p><b>Mein Name ist</b> My name is</p> <p><b>Ich heiße</b> I'm called</p> <p><b>Ich bin</b> I am</p> <p><b>Sind Sie ...?</b> Are you ...?</p> <p><b>Das ist</b> This is</p> <p><b>Freut mich</b> Pleased to meet you</p> <p><b>Auf Wiedersehen</b> Goodbye</p> <p><b>Tschüss</b> See you</p>
<p><b>Quiz</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How would you greet Dr Müller at 9 am?</li> <li>You overhear one woman say to another <b>Hallo Renate. Wie geht's?</b> Do they know each other well?</li> <li>Would someone say <b>bis bald</b> when they've just arrived or when they're leaving?</li> <li>How would you introduce your companion Mrs Thomas?</li> <li>Someone says to you <b>Danke, gut. Und Ihnen?</b> What was your question?</li> <li>What do you say in reply to <b>Freut mich?</b></li> </ol> <p>Answers on <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/answers.shtml">www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/answers.shtml</a></p>	