

# 35 Greetings and other useful phrases

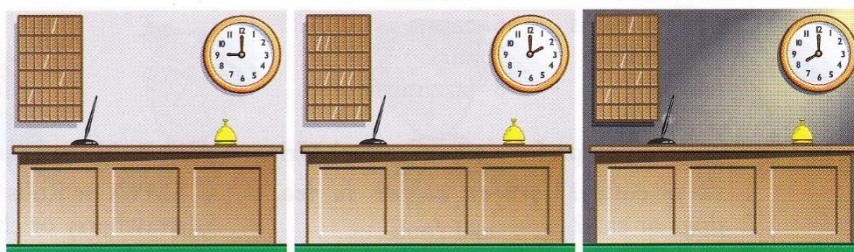
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## Every day

good morning

good afternoon

good evening

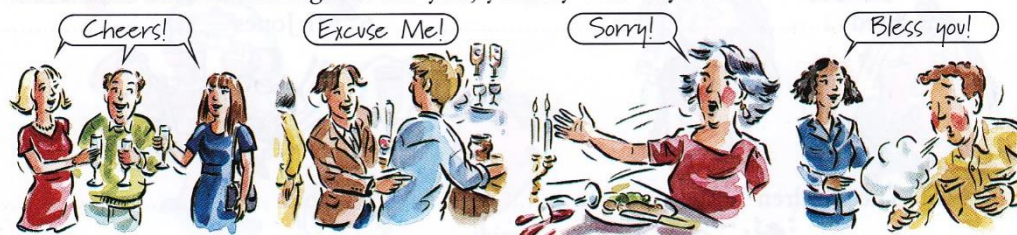


When we leave someone we usually both say **Goodbye** and perhaps, **See you soon!** **See you soon** is quite informal.

When someone goes to bed, we usually say **Goodnight**. We sometimes also say **Sleep well**. Don't say **Goodnight** when you arrive somewhere, only when you leave.

If you ask for something you usually say **Please**.

If someone does something nice for you, you say **Thank you**.



## Special days

When it is someone's birthday we say **Happy Birthday** [NOT ~~Congratulations~~].

On (or near to) the 25th December (Christmas Day) we say **Happy** or **Merry Christmas**.  
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On (or near to) the 1st January (New Year's Day) we say **Happy New Year**.

If someone is going to do something difficult (for example, take an exam or have an interview for a job) we say **Good luck!**

If someone has done something special (for example, done well in an exam, got a new job, had a baby) we say **Congratulations!** or **Well done!**



## Exercises

### 35.1 Choose one of the phrases from the opposite page to fit the dialogues.

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| 1 A: (sneezes) Atchoo!<br>B: .....                 | 5 A: It's my birthday today.<br>B: ..... |
| 2 A: I'm taking my driving test today.<br>B: ..... | 6 A: How are you?<br>B: .....            |
| 3 A: I passed my driving test!<br>B: .....         | 7 A: Hello!<br>B: .....                  |
| 4 A: Goodbye.<br>B: .....                          | 8 A: Here's your tea.<br>B: .....        |

### 35.2 What is the person saying in the pictures?



### 35.3 What do you say? Choose a phrase opposite.

- You want to order a coffee. The waiter is reading the newspaper.
- A friend buys you a drink.
- A child says 'Goodnight' to you.
- You answer the phone at work. It is 10.30 a.m.
- You answer the phone at work. It is 3 p.m.
- It is 2 a.m. on January 1st. You meet a friend on the street.
- A friend spoke too quickly. You don't understand.
- It is 24th December. You meet a friend on the bus.

### 35.4 Ann and Bill meet in a bar. Bill usually says the wrong thing. Correct his mistakes.

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| ANN: Good evening.                          | ANN: Would you like a drink? |
| BILL: Good day.                             | BILL: No, thank you. A coke. |
| ANN: How are you?                           | ANN: With ice?               |
| BILL: Terrible. I've got a bad cold and ... | BILL: No, please.            |
| ANN: It's my birthday today.                | ANN: Here you are. Cheers.   |
| BILL: Congratulations.                      | BILL: Bless you!             |

### 35.5 Write a conversation using as many as possible of the phrases from the opposite page.

## Unit 35

- 35.1** 1 Bless you! 5 Happy Birthday!  
2 Good luck! 6 Fine thanks.  
3 Congratulations! / Well done! 7 Hello! / Hi!  
4 Goodbye. 8 Thank you.
- 35.2** 1 Excuse me! 3 Sorry! 5 Cheers!  
2 Happy Christmas! 4 Congratulations! 6 Good morning!
- 35.3** 1 Excuse me.  
2 Thank you. Cheers!  
3 Goodnight. Sleep well.  
4 Good morning.  
5 Good afternoon.  
6 Happy New Year!  
7 Sorry / Excuse me. I didn't understand.  
8 Happy Christmas!
- 35.4** ANN: Good morning. ANN: Would you like a drink?  
BILL: Good morning. BILL: Yes, please. A coke.  
ANN: How are you? ANN: With ice?  
BILL: Fine thanks. And you?\* BILL: No, thanks.  
ANN: It's my birthday today. ANN: Here you are. Cheers.  
BILL: Happy Birthday. BILL: Cheers!

\* You can say 'Terrible.' as Bill did, but usually we say 'Fine' even if we feel terrible.

**35.5** *Possible answer:*

- A: Hello, good morning.  
B: Hi. How are you?  
A: Fine thanks. And you?  
B: Fine. A bit nervous. I'm taking my driving test today.  
A: Good luck. That's funny, I passed mine last week.  
B: Oh Congratulations!  
A: It's my birthday today.  
B: Is it? Happy Birthday. Why don't we go out for a drink this evening?  
A: OK. See you later. Goodbye.  
B: Goodbye. See you soon.

See also:

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