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Greeting people - informal

Hello, and welcome to the first video lesson of Deutsch Happen. My name is Kirsten and with me is Kay.

Hallo, Kirsten! Wie geht es Dir?

Not so quick, Kay! Let's first see a little movie about greeting people in German! We will see Jürgen and Steffi who meet on the street. Jürgen and Steffi are friends, so it is an informal dialogue.

Hallo Jürgen!
Hello Jürgen!

Hallo, Steffi! Wie geht es Dir?
Hello, Steffi! How are you?

Danke, mir geht es gut! Und Dir?
Thank you, I am fine! And (*what about*) you?

Danke, sehr gut! Und wie geht es Markus?
Thanks, very good! And how is Markus?

Leider nicht so gut. Er hat einen Schnupfen und muß im Bett bleiben.
Unfortunately not that good. He has a cold and has to stay in bed.

Das tut mir Leid. Grüß ihn von mir und wünsche ihm eine gute Besserung.
I am sorry. Send him my regards and wish him a good recovery.

Mache ich. Bis bald!
I will. Bye for now!

Tschüß!
Bye!

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Remember, this is an informal situation. They both know each other very well and are friends. In the next scene we will see a formal situation. But first, let's do a quick recap of what we saw.

"**Hallo!**" means "Hello."

Repeat after me. "**Hallo!**" "**Hallo!**"

"**Wie geht es Dir?**" means "How are you." Literally *How goes it (with) you?*

Repeat after me. "**Wie geht es Dir?**" "**Wie geht es Dir?**"

There is also a short form of "**Wie geht es Dir?**" which is very common in Germany. This short form is "**Wie geht's?**" **geht's** are two words pulled together like in English. In this case **geht** and **es** – goes and it.

So "**Wie geht's?**" literally means *How goes it?*

Repeat after me. "**Wie geht's?**" "**Wie geht's?**"

"**Danke!**" means "Thank you!" or "Thanks!"

Repeat after me. "**Danke!**" "**Danke!**"

"**Mir geht es gut.**" means "I am fine."

Repeat after me. "**Mir geht es gut.**" "**Mir geht es gut.**"

If you are not feeling well you would say "**Mir geht es nicht gut.**" or, if it is even worse "**Mir geht es gar nicht gut.**" "I am not fine at all."

Repeat after me. "**Mir geht es nicht gut.**" "**Mir geht es gar nicht gut.**"

"**Bis bald.**" means "Bye for now." Literally *Until soon.*

Repeat after me. "**Bis bald.**" "**Bis bald.**"



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"Tschüß." means "Bye."

Repeat after me. "Tschüß." "Tschüß."

Greeting people - formal

Now we will see a formal situation. Herr Müller and Frau Jansen work in the same company. They know each other from some meetings but are not friends yet. In this scene they meet in the cafeteria.

Guten Tag, Frau Jansen.

Good day, Misses Jansen.

Guten Tag, Herr Müller. Wie geht es Ihnen?

Good day, Mister Müller. How are you?

Vielen Dank. Mir geht es gut. Und wie geht es Ihnen?

Thank you very much. I am fine. And how are you?

Im Moment bin ich etwas gestresst, aber ansonsten kann ich nicht klagen.

I am quite stressed at the moment but otherwise I can't complain.

Bitte grüßen Sie Herrn Koch von mir. Ich habe ihn lange nicht mehr gesehen.

Please send my regards to Mister Koch. I have not seen him for a long time.

Das werde ich. Er ist gerade im Urlaub aber er wird nächste Woche wiederkommen.

I will. He is on holiday at this moment but he will return next week.

Danke sehr, Frau Jansen. Auf Wiedersehen!

Thank you very much, Misses Jansen. Good bye!

Auf Wiedersehen, Herr Müller.

Good bye, Mister Müller.

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This was the formal situation. They are two people who know each other from work but are not friends. So again, let's have a quick recap of the dialogue.

"**Guten Tag.**" means "Good day."

Repeat after me. "**Guten Tag.**" "**Guten Tag.**"

"**Guten Tag.**" is used as a greeting most time of the day.

If you meet in the morning you would say "**Guten Morgen.**" which means "Good morning."

Repeat after me. "**Guten Morgen.**" "**Guten Morgen.**"

There is quite a common expression at noon which is "**Mahlzeit.**" which literally means "Lunchtime." It might sound a bit informal but is quite popular. If you want to be sure, you say "**Guten Tag.**"

Repeat after me. "**Mahlzeit.**" "**Mahlzeit.**"

In the evening you say "**Guten Abend.**" which means "Good evening".

Repeat after me. "**Guten Abend.**" "**Guten Abend.**"

So, what about afternoon and night?

In Germany, we do not use "**Guten Nachmittag.**" "Good afternoon." as a greeting. It stays "**Guten Tag.**"

Germans say "**Gute Nacht.**" "Good night." but we would not use it after a late dinner, saying "**Good night.**" instead of "Good bye."

But we use it to wish someone a good night, like parents to their children or a couple before they will sleep.

So, repeat after me. "**Gute Nacht.**" "**Gute Nacht.**"

"**Wie geht es Ihnen?**" is the formal version of "How are you?"

Repeat after me. "**Wie geht es Ihnen?**" "**Wie geht es Ihnen?**"



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"**Vielen Dank.**" means "Thank you very much."

Repeat after me. "**Vielen Dank.**" "**Vielen Dank.**"

"**Ich kann nicht klagen**" means "I can't complain."

Repeat after me. "**Ich kann nicht klagen.**" "**Ich kann nicht klagen.**"

"**Danke sehr.**" also means "Thank you very much." literally "*Thank very.*"

Repeat after me. "**Danke sehr.**" "**Danke sehr.**"

"**Auf Wiedersehen.**" means "Good bye."

Repeat after me. "**Auf Wiedersehen.**" "**Auf Wiedersehen.**"

I hope you have enjoyed our first Deutsch Happen video lesson.

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Or have a look on www.learngerman4free.com, a website created to learn german through music.

I'm looking forward to seeing you soon for more lessons with Kay and myself.

Until next time! Bis bald!

Tschüß!