

# Introducciones, Saludos (Introductions and Greetings)



These are words, phrases and expressions that will enable you to meet and greet others in Spanish using the appropriate form (formal or informal).

## Vocabulario

Practice these words daily either by using this list, or by making flashcards and carrying these with you

<b>Hola</b>	Hello or Hi
<b>Buenos días</b>	Good morning (used until midday)
<b>Buenas tardes</b>	Good afternoon,
<b>Buenas noches</b>	Good evening
<b>Mucho gusto</b>	Pleased to meet you
<b>Encantado</b>	Charmed
<b>Igualmente</b>	Likewise
<b>¿Cómo te va?</b>	How's it going? (informal)
<b>¿Qué pasa?</b>	What's going on?
<b>Muchas gracias</b>	thank you very much
<b>De nada</b>	literally "for nothing" <b>like "you're welcome"</b>
<b>no hay de qué</b>	"don't mention it, You're welcome)
<b>Por favor</b>	please
<b>Perdón</b>	to ask forgiveness
<b>Con permiso</b>	Excuse me (literally, with your permission, use to request permission to pass by/through
<b>Disculpe</b>	Excuse me.....(can you tell me how to get to...?)

## Salutations

<b>Señor (Sr.)</b>	Mr./Sir
<b>Señora (Sra.)</b>	Mrs./Ma'am
<b>Señorita (Srta.)</b>	Miss

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## 8 ways to say goodbye in Spanish

<b>Adios</b>	Goodbye
<b>Hasta pronto</b>	See you soon
<b>Nos vemos</b>	See you( <i>mas tarde (later), mañana (tomorrow)</i> )
<b>Hasta luego</b>	See you later
<b>Hasta la-Vista</b>	Until I see you (beware - <i>no native speaker says this, it sounds terrible! – from the movie Terminator</i> )
<b>Hasta mañana</b>	Until tomorrow
<b>Take care, hope all goes well</b>	¡Cuidate! ¡Que te vaya bien!
<b>Chau</b>	Informal goodbye

## How to talk about your health

Más o menos	more or less (so,so)
Asi, Asi	So, so

## How do you introduce yourself?

**Hola, mucho gusto, me llamo** \_\_\_\_\_ (hello, nice to meet you, my name is \_\_\_\_\_)

In some cases, you might use the formal (when you don't know the person well, or if you are speaking to an authority figure), or you might use the informal (for friends, family).

- **Informal: Hola! Qué tal? "Cómo estás?" and ¿Y tú?** Are expressions used in situations with people you know well, on a first-name basis.
- **Formal: ¿Cómo está?** and ¿Y **usted?** Are used to address someone with whom you have a formal relationship.

✓ **Práctica 1** - Using the example above, turn to the person on your left and practice introducing yourself using the formal way *or* the informal way...now turn to the person on your right and repeat...

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## How do you say hello?

When passing by a person you don't know, it's not typical to say Hola, as you may say "Hi" More often, you greet strangers with a Buenos dias, Buenas tardes, or Buenas noches. You may also say Buenos (or Buenas) for short.

### ✓ Práctica 2 - practice the following dialogue

**Ana:** hola, buenas noches, me llamo Ana

**José:** Hola buenas noches señorita, mucho gusto, yo me llamo José

**Ana:** mucho gusto, hasta luego!

**José:** adios

### ✓ Práctica 3 - practice the following dialogue

*Señor Vasquez:* **Buenos dias profesora** (good morning teacher)

*Profesora:* **Buenos dias. ¿Cómo se llama usted?** (good morning, what's your name?)

*Señor Vasquez:* **Me llamo Julio Vasquez Bú** (My name is Julio Vasquez Bu)

*Profesora:* **Mucho gusto** (nice to meet you)

*Señor Vasquez:* **Igualmente o Encantado (a)** (likewise or enchanted)

### ✓ Práctica 4 - Now use your own name and choose a different partner to practice

### ✓ Práctica 5 - Salutations (i.e. Sr. Sra. Srita)

#### **Choose one of the salutations above to speak with a peer**

Turn to the person to your left and greet him or her using **a greeting (hola, como te va?) and a formality above (i.e. Sr. Sra. Srita.)**

*Ejemplo:* *Hola, buenas noches Sr. or Buenas tardes Srta, disculpe Señor*

- ✓ Now repeat this with the person to your right.

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✓ **Práctica 6** - practice talking about health

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| <b>1. ¿Cómo estás? (tu)</b>      | How are you? (Informal)        |
| <b>Estoy bien, gracias</b>       | I'm fine, thank you)           |
| <b>2. ¿Cómo está? (Usted)</b>    | How are you? (Singular/Formal) |
| <b>Estoy muy bien</b>            | I'm very well                  |
| <b>3. ¿Cómo están ustedes?</b>   | How are you? (to a group)      |
| <b>Estamos muy bien</b>          | We are doing very well         |
| <b>4. ¿Y tú?</b>                 | And you? (Informal)            |
| <b>Yo estoy bien</b>             | I'm okay                       |
| <b>5. ¿Y usted?</b>              | And you? (formal)              |
| <b>Estoy más o menos</b>         | I am so, so)                   |
| <b>6. ¿Cómo van las cosas?</b>   | How are things                 |
| <b>Todo esta bien</b>            | everything is fine             |
| <b>7. ¿Cómo está la familia?</b> | How is the family?             |
| <b>Están bien</b>                | They're doing well             |

**8. Maria:** Hola, Ana

**Ana:** Qué tal, María?, Cómo estás? – How is it going Maria, How are you?"

**Maria:** Asi, asi, ¿y tú? (so, so, and you?)

**Ana:** Que lastima! Yo estoy bien, gracias! Hasta mañana (that's a shame, I am well thanks, see you tomorrow)

**Maria:** Adiós (goodbye)

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✓ **Práctica 7** - Now practice saying goodbye

*Señor López:* **Buenas tardes, señorita Lara** (Good afternoon, Ms. Lara)

**Señorita Lara:** Muy buenas, señor López. ¿Cómo está usted?

(good afternoon, Mr. Lopez, how are you?)

**Señor López:** Bien, gracias, ¿y usted? Well, thank you, and you (formal)

**Señorita Lara:** Muy bien, gracias. Nos vemos el Lunes, Adiós! (very well thanks, see you Monday, goodbye!)

**Señor Lopez:** Hasta luego (see you soon)

✓ **Práctica 8** - Practice one of these "goodbye" greetings tonight as you leave the class.

## At home work (optional - recommended)

- 1 Make flashcards using the items in boxes - with the following themes: greetings, short introductions, ways to say goodbye and salutations (Sr. Señor)
- 2 Youtube video: **Greetings songs and practice – Rock 'N Learn**
- 3 Youtube video: **6 greetings and farewell in Spanish - Why not Spanish**

## Sample flashcards

