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## hello

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**hello** [hello hellos] (also **hullo** especially in BrE) (BrE also **hallo**) BrE [hə'ləʊ] <sup>m</sup>

NAmE [hə'loʊ] <sup>m</sup> exclamation, noun (pl. **hellos**, **hullos**, **hallos**)

1. used as a ↑greeting when you meet sb, when you answer the telephone or when you want to attract sb's attention
  - Hello John, how are you?
  - Hello, is there anybody there?
  - **Say hello** to Liz for me.
  - They exchanged hellos (= said hello to each other) and forced smiles.
2. (BrE) used to show that you are surprised by sth
  - Hello, hello, what's going on here?
3. (informal) used to show that you think sb has said sth stupid or is not paying attention
  - Hello? You didn't really mean that, did you?
  - I'm like, 'Hello! Did you even listen?'

see also ↑golden hello

See also: ↑hallo ▪ ↑hullo

### Word Origin:

late 19th cent.: variant of earlier hollo; related to holla.

### More About:

#### greetings

Hello is the most usual word and is used in all situations, including answering the telephone.

Hi is more informal and is now very common.

How are you? or How are you doing? (very informal) often follow Hello and Hi: ▪ 'Hello, Mark.' 'Oh, hi, Kathy! How are you?'

Good morning is often used by members of a family or people who work together when they see each other for the first time in the day. It can also be used in formal situations and on the telephone. In informal speech, people may just say Morning.

Good afternoon and Good evening are much less common. Good night is not used to greet somebody, but only to say goodbye late in the evening or when you are going to bed.

If you are meeting someone for the first time, you can say Pleased to meet you or Nice to meet you (less formal). Some people use How do you do? in formal situations. The correct reply to this is How do you do?

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**hel|lo** S1 /hə'ləʊ, he- \$ -'ləʊ/ BrE <sup>m</sup> AmE <sup>m</sup> (also **hallo**, **hullo** British English) interjection,

noun [countable]

[Date: 1800-1900; Origin: hollo a shout to call attention (16-19 centuries)]

1. used as a greeting when you see or meet someone:

- Hello, John! How are you?
- Stanley, come and say hello to your nephew.
- Well, hello there! I haven't seen you for ages.

#### REGISTER

In everyday English, in informal situations, people often say **hi** rather than **hello**:

- "Hi, Karen." "Hi, Richard. How are things with you?"

2. used when answering the telephone or starting a telephone conversation:

- Hello – may I speak to Anne?

3. used when calling to get someone's attention:

- Hello! Is there anybody home?

4. used when you think someone is not acting sensibly or has said something stupid:

- You didn't remember her birthday? Hello!

5. **British English** used to show that you are surprised or confused by something:

- Hello! What's happened here?

6. **say hello** to have a quick conversation with someone:

- Promise you'll look in and say hello when you have time.

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#### THESAURUS

▪ **hello** used when you meet someone, or when you start a telephone conversation. In everyday English, most people usually say **hi** because it sounds more friendly. You use **hello** especially when talking to people you do not know well, or to older people:

Hello. Could I speak to someone in customer service, please? | Hello, Mrs Jones. How are you?

▪ **hi** used as a friendly greeting when you meet someone start a telephone conversation, or at the beginning of an email: Hi, Gwen – did you have a nice weekend? | Hi everybody.

▪ **hey** especially **American English informal** used as a friendly greeting when you see someone you know well and you want to start talking to them: Hey, Scott! What's up, buddy?

▪ **hiya** **informal** used as a very informal greeting when speaking to someone you know well: Hiya, Jake. How's it going?

▪ **good morning/good afternoon/good evening** used when meeting someone at a particular time of day. In everyday English, people usually just say **Morning!**, **Afternoon!** etc: Good morning, class! | Morning everyone. Sorry I'm late. | Good afternoon, Mr Smith.

- **how are you?** (also **how are you doing?/how's it going?** *informal*) used when you are greeting someone and starting a conversation: How's it going Tom? I haven't seen you for ages. | Hi Helen. How are you doing? Is the new job going well?
- **how do you do?** *formal* used when you meet someone for the first time, especially after you have just been told their name. **How do you do** sounds very formal. These days in everyday English, people often say **hi** when meeting someone for the first time: 'John, I'd like you to meet our new project manager, Nisha Patel.' 'How do you do?'
- **pleased/good/nice to meet you** used when you meet someone for the first time and have just been told their name: 'Richard, this is my brother Ronnie.' 'Nice to meet you, Ronnie.' | 'My name is Lena Curtis.' 'Pleased to meet you, I'm David Bennet.' | Mrs Parrish, it's good to meet you after hearing Lynn talk so much about you.

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