

**How many
ways can you
say hello?**

Kia ora **(kee-a-or-rah)**

Māori

**Kia ora means ‘have life, be well/healthy’.
It is widely used in Māori language as an
informal greeting. It can also be used as an
expression of thanks or to signify agreement
with a speaker at a meeting.**

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Sat Sri Akaal

(saat-sree-akaal)

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Punjabi

This Punjabi greeting means 'True is the name of God'. Sat Sri Akaal is used by Sikhs to greet each other.

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Nǐ hǎo

(nee-how)

Mandarin Chinese

Means hello in Mandarin Chinese and is the most common greeting in China. The literal meaning of nǐhǎo is 'you good'.

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Mālō e lelei (ma-lo-eh-le-lay)

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Tongan

In Tongan language, mālō e lelei is a general greeting that can be given informally to others.

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Talofa

(ta-low-fa)

Samoan

**Talofa is a Samoan greeting meaning 'hello',
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'hello to you'.**

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Hallo

(ha-lo)

Afrikaans

Afrikaans is a West-Germanic language spoken in South Africa. It is an official language of South Africa.

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Kamusta

(kah-mu-stah)

Filipino

In Filipino language, kamusta means 'how are you'. The word comes from the Spanish phrase ¿cómo está?

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Holá

(oh-la)

Spanish

**Hola is the Spanish word for hello.
Variations such as 'ola' are also common
across South America.**

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Anyoung haseyo

(ahn-yong
hah-say-yoh)

Korean

This is the most commonly used Korean greeting, and can be said to almost everyone, particularly people you would like to show respect to. The greeting means 'please be well' or 'please be peaceful'.

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Halo

(ha-lo)

Bislama

Bislama is one of the official languages of Vanuatu, it is the common language that is used between Ni-Vanuatu people that come from the 82 islands of Vanuatu and who together speak 113 languages.

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Namaste

(nuhm-uh-stey)

Hindi

Namaste is a Hindi term used for both salutation and valediction. It is usually spoken with a slight bow and hands pressed together close to the chest - this is a widely used gesture (called Añjali Mudrā) signaling respect.

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