

Beginner lessons for Greetings

Master Spanish Greetings for Confident Conversations!

DEFINITION

Spanish greetings are essential phrases used to say hello and initiate conversations. They vary depending on the time of day and the formality of the situation.

KEY CONCEPTS

Hola

This is the most common way to say 'hello' in Spanish.

Buenos días

'Good morning' is used until around noon.

Buenas tardes

'Good afternoon' is used from noon until evening.

Buenas noches

'Good evening' or 'good night' is used after sunset.

¿Cómo estás?

This means 'How are you?' and is a common follow-up after greeting.

EXAMPLES

- Hola, ¿cómo estás?
- Buenos días, señorita.
- Buenas noches, amigos.

MEMORY TIPS

- ★ Remember 'Hola' like 'Hello' to connect the words.
- ★ Think of 'Buenos' as 'Good' to recall 'Good morning' or 'Good afternoon.'
- ★ Use the time of day to remember which greeting to use.

COMMON MISTAKES

- ✗ Using 'Buenos días' in the evening.
- ✗ Forgetting to use formal titles like 'señor' or 'señorita.'
- ✗ Confusing 'buenas' with 'buenos' based on gender.

QUICK RECAP

Spanish greetings are vital for starting conversations. Remember the time of day to choose the correct greeting and practice common phrases to build confidence.