

A. Greeting forms. When, where, or from whom might you hear the following greeting forms in German-speaking countries?

Guten Morgen! (Morgen!) until _____

Guten Tag! (Tag!) from _____ to _____

Guten Abend! (Abend!) after _____

Mahlzeit! when? _____

Servus! where? _____

Grüß Gott! where? _____

Grüß dich! where? _____ who? _____

Grüezi! where? _____

Hallo! who? _____

(Hi!) who? _____

(Moin!) where? _____

Auf Wiedersehen! formal or informal? _____

Tschüss! formal or informal? _____

Gute Nacht! when? _____

B. Du, ihr oder Sie? Which form of 'you' would you use in the following situations?

1. You ask your mom how she is. _____
2. You ask your professor if there is homework. _____
3. You ask the sales clerk how much something costs. _____
4. You see your friends in the hallway. _____
5. You speak to your little sister. _____
6. Your dog and your cat want to go outside. _____
7. You ask a couple on the street for directions. _____
8. You're praying. _____

Answer Key:

A. Greeting forms. *When, where, or from whom might you hear the following greeting forms in German-speaking countries?*

Guten Morgen!

(Morgen!) until around 11 a.m. or noon
from noon-ish to sunset or 6 p.m.
after sunset or 6 p.m.

Guten Tag! (Tag!)

Guten Abend! (Abend!)

Mahlzeit!

when? when sitting down to eat or wishing good meal
where? Austria only

Grüß Gott!

where? Southern Germany, Bavaria, Austria

Grüß dich!

where? South, Bavaria who? friends, casual

Grüezi!

where? Switzerland only

Hallo!

who? mostly younger generation under 40

(Hi!)

who? mostly kids and college students under 30

(Moin!)

where? Hamburg and Northern Germany

Auf Wiedersehen!

formal or informal? more formal

Tschüss!

formal or informal? very casual, informal

Gute Nacht!

when? only when actually going to bed!

B. Du, ihr oder Sie? Which form of 'you' would you use in the following situations?

1. You ask your mom how she is. du
2. You ask your professor if there is homework. Sie
3. You ask the sales clerk how much something costs. Sie
4. You see your friends in the hallway. ihr (plural of du)
5. You speak to your little sister. du
6. Your dog and your cat want to go outside. ihr (plural of du)
7. You ask a couple on the street for directions. Sie
8. You're praying. du