

Professorin:

**Guten Abend!**

**Wie heißen Sie?**

**Freut mich! (or) Angenehm!**

Student:

**Ich heiße (Name) .**

## You = Sie or du?

Sie is used:

- when talking to strangers
- when talking to acquaintances that are not close friends (neighbors, etc.)
- when children talk to adults (except family members)
- when talking to someone in a superior status or supervisory position
- in formal and business settings, especially traditional workplaces

du is used:

- when talking to friends and close acquaintances
- when talking to any family members
- when talking to fellow students in school and at universities
- when talking to children or teenagers under 16
- when talking to animals and pets
- in some modern casual business and entertainment settings

Sie always begins with a capital S; du is not specially capitalized.

The plural of du is ihr. Sie is both singular and plural. We'll discuss ihr more later.

## Du or Sie?

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 a fellow student outside class. \_\_\_\_\_
5. You speak to your little sister. \_\_\_\_\_
6. You talk to an elderly lady on the train. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Your dog and your cat want to go outside. \_\_\_\_\_
8. You ask a 17-year-old on the street for directions. \_\_\_\_\_
9. You ask a couple on the street for directions. \_\_\_\_\_
10. You're praying (Christian+Muslim+Jewish). \_\_\_\_\_

Student 1:

**Guten Abend!**

**Wie heißt du?**

**Ich heiÙe (Name).**

**Gleichfalls! (or) Danke!**

Student 2:

**Guten Abend!**

**Ich heiÙe (Name). Und du?**

**Freut mich! (or) Angenehm!**

*please remember: ß = ss, never B. It is simply 'ss' written as one character!*

*heißt = heisst, but proper spelling is with the ß character.*

*the rules about 'ß' vs. 'ss' are confusing even for Germans: it is best just to memorize the spelling!*

*casual:* Wie geht's? or Wie geht es dir?

*formal:* Wie geht es Ihnen?

*answer:* Es geht mir (adverb) !  
or Mir geht's (adverb) !

*casual followup:* Und dir?

*formal followup:* Und Ihnen?



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**Es geht mir (adverb). Und dir?**

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**Mir geht's (adverb).**



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## Greetings:

Guten Tag!	<i>hello, good day!</i>	<i>everywhere</i>
Guten Abend!	<i>good evening!</i>	<i>everywhere (after 6 p.m.)</i>
Guten Morgen!	<i>good morning!</i>	<i>everywhere (before noon)</i>
Grüß dich!	<i>hi! hello!</i>	<i>Southern Germany, Bavaria</i>
Grüß Gott!	<i>hello!</i>	<i>Southern Germany, Bavaria</i>
Grüezi!	<i>hi! hello!</i>	<i>Switzerland only</i>
Servus!	<i>hi! hello!</i>	<i>Austria only</i>
Moin! (Moin moin!)	<i>hi!</i>	<i>Northern Germany</i>
Hallo!	<i>hi! hello!</i>	<i>younger &amp; casual</i>
Tag! (Abend! Morgen!)	<i>hi!</i>	<i>casual, with friends</i>
Mahlzeit! (Guten Appetit!)	<i>enjoy your meal!</i>	<i>only at lunch/dinner hour</i>

## Farewells:

Auf Wiedersehen!	<i>goodbye!</i>	<i>everywhere</i>
Wiedersehen!	<i>bye!</i>	<i>everywhere</i>
Tschüß!	<i>bye!</i>	<i>casual</i>
Ciao!	<i>see ya!</i>	<i>very casual</i>
Servus!	<i>bye!</i>	<i>Austria only</i>
Bis später!	<i>till later, see you later!</i>	<i>casual, everywhere</i>
Bis bald! / Bis dann!	<i>see you soon! / see you then!</i>	<i>casual, everywhere</i>
Bis morgen!	<i>see you tomorrow!</i>	<i>with coworkers &amp; friends</i>
Mach's gut!	<i>take care!</i>	<i>casual, close friends</i>
Gute Nacht!	<i>good night!</i>	<i>only when going to bed</i>
Schönes Wochenende!	<i>have a good weekend!</i>	<i>everywhere</i>
Schönen Abend (Tag) noch!	<i>have a good evening/day!</i>	<i>everywhere</i>

**Self-Quiz: 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?* \_\_\_\_\_

**Mach's gut!**

*formal or informal?* \_\_\_\_\_

**Bis später!**

*means?* \_\_\_\_\_

**Gute Nacht!**

*when?* \_\_\_\_\_

# Textbook Introduction:

**LEKTION 1A**

**Kontext**

**KAPITEL 1** Hallo! Wie geht's?

drei **3**

  

**Communicative Goals**

You will learn how to:

- greet people and say good-bye
- make introductions
- use polite expressions

## Wie geht's?

**Vocabulary Tools**

**Wortschatz**

<b>Begrüßung und Abschied</b>	<b>hellos and good-byes</b>
Guten Morgen.	Good morning.
Guten Abend.	Good evening.
Gute Nacht.	Good night.
Bis dann.	See you later.
Bis gleich.	See you soon.
Bis morgen.	See you tomorrow.
Auf Wiedersehen.	Good-bye.
Schönen Tag noch!	Have a nice day!
Prima.	Great.
Es geht.	So-so.
(Nicht) schlecht.	(Not) bad.
Mir geht's nicht (so) gut.	I'm not (so) well.
<b>Höflichkeiten</b>	<b>polite expressions</b>
Gern geschehen.	My pleasure.
Entschuldigung.	Excuse me.
Entschuldigen Sie.	Excuse me. (form.)
Es tut mir leid.	I'm sorry.
ja	yes
nein	no
<b>sich vorstellen</b>	<b>introducing oneself</b>
Wie heißen Sie?	What is your name? (form.)
Schön dich/Sie kennen zu lernen.	Nice to meet you. (inf./form.)
<b>Personen</b>	<b>people</b>
die Frau	woman
der Freund / die Freundin	friend (m./f.)
der Junge	boy
das Mädchen	girl
der Mann	man
Herr	Mr.
Frau	Mrs.; Ms.
<b>wo?</b>	<b>where?</b>
hier	here
da/dort	there

**ACHTUNG**

There are formal and informal ways of saying you in German. Use *du* and its plural, *ihr*, in informal address; use *Sie* in formal situations.

### Anwendung

**1 Was passt?** Put these expressions into the correct categories.

Bitte! Danke. Entschuldigung.	die Frau der Freund Guten Tag.	der Mann Tschüss! Wie geht's?
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Polite expressions	People	Hellos and good-byes
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**2 Was fehlt?** Complete each conversation with the appropriate word.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Dank!
- \_\_\_\_\_ geschehen!
- Guten Morgen. Ich \_\_\_\_\_ Daniel.  
–Guten \_\_\_\_\_, Daniel.
- Hallo, Lina! \_\_\_\_\_ geht's?  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
–Auf \_\_\_\_\_, Frau Stein. Schönen Tag noch!
- Hallo, David. Das \_\_\_\_\_ Lara.  
–Hallo, Lara. Schön, dich \_\_\_\_\_ zu lernen.
- Guten Abend, Herr Klein. Wie geht es \_\_\_\_\_?  
–Hallo, Tom. Es geht \_\_\_\_\_ gut, danke. Und dir?

**3 Kurze Gespräche** Listen to the conversations and decide whether each conversation is **höflich** (formal) or **vertraulich** (informal).

	höflich	vertraulich
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**4 Antworten Sie** Provide an appropriate response to each question or statement you hear.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Practise more at [vhcentral.com](http://vhcentral.com).

We will complete several exercises in the textbook together. We will also discuss the course policies and syllabus.

## Das Alphabet

<b>A</b>	<i>ah</i>	<b>P</b>	<i>pay</i>
<b>B</b>	<i>bay</i>	<b>Q</b>	<i>kuu</i>
<b>C</b>	<i>tsay</i>	<b>R</b>	<i>air</i>
<b>D</b>	<i>day</i>	<b>S</b>	<i>ess</i>
<b>E</b>	<i>ey</i>	<b>T</b>	<i>tay</i>
<b>F</b>	<i>eff</i>	<b>U</b>	<i>uuu</i>
<b>G</b>	<i>gay</i>	<b>V</b>	<i>fow</i>
<b>H</b>	<i>ha</i>	<b>W</b>	<i>vay</i>
<b>I</b>	<i>eee</i>	<b>X</b>	<i>iks</i>
<b>J</b>	<i>yot</i>	<b>Y</b>	<i>üppsilon</i>
<b>K</b>	<i>ka</i>	<b>Z</b>	<i>tsett</i>
<b>L</b>	<i>ell</i>	<b>ß</b>	<i>ess-tsett</i>
<b>M</b>	<i>emm</i>	<b>Ä</b>	<i>ah-Umlaut</i> or 'eh'
<b>N</b>	<i>enn</i>	<b>Ö</b>	<i>oh-Umlaut</i> or 'ur'
<b>O</b>	<i>oh</i>	<b>Ü</b>	<i>uh-Umlaut</i> or 'eww'

Professorin:

**Guten Abend!**

**Wie heißen Sie?**

**Wie schreibt man das?**

**Freut mich!**

Student:

**Guten Abend!**

**Ich heiße (Name) .**

*(spell out your name)*

**Gleichfalls!**

<b>A</b> ah	<b>F</b> eff	<b>K</b> ka	<b>P</b> pay	<b>U</b> uuu	<b>Z</b> tsett
<b>B</b> bay	<b>G</b> gay	<b>L</b> ell	<b>Q</b> kuu	<b>V</b> fow	<b>ß</b> ess-tsett
<b>C</b> tsay	<b>H</b> ha	<b>M</b> emm	<b>R</b> air	<b>W</b> vay	<b>Ä</b> ah-Umlaut
<b>D</b> day	<b>I</b> eee	<b>N</b> enn	<b>S</b> ess	<b>X</b> iks	<b>Ö</b> oh-Umlaut
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**Buchstabieren.** *Listen as your instructor spells some German words for you.  
Write down the words as you hear them.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Listen to the alphabet song in German!

[http://www.nthuleen.com/miracosta/Materials/Tag01-Alphabet\\_Song\\_2-Marching\\_Alphabet.mp3](http://www.nthuleen.com/miracosta/Materials/Tag01-Alphabet_Song_2-Marching_Alphabet.mp3)

or YouTube alphabet song: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_rSbwLSjeG8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_rSbwLSjeG8)

Watch “Easy German” Greetings Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_NXDM9XXhQ4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_NXDM9XXhQ4)

I B Y G Q  
E Z S F  
W C ß J T  
H V X  
D R O A P U  
K

Student 1:

**Guten Abend!** *(or other greeting)*

**Wie heißt du?**

**Wie schreibt man das?**

**Ich heiße**     (Name)     .

*(spell your name)* **Wie geht's?**

**Mir geht's**     (adverb)     .

**Tschüss!** *(or other farewell)*

Student 2:

**Guten Abend!** *(or other greeting)*

**Ich heiße**     (Name)     .

*(spell your name)* **Und du?**

**Wie schreibt man das?**

**Es geht mir**     (adverb)     . **Und dir?**

**Bis später!** *(or other farewell)*

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Sandra Kohl

**Dialog 1: It's the first day of class and you meet a new classmate.**

STUDENT 1: Hallo! Ich heiÙe Sandra. Wie heiÙt du?  
 STUDENT 2: GrÙt dich! Ich heiÙe Franz.  
 STUDENT 1: Wie schreibt man das?  
 STUDENT 2: F-R-A-N-Z. Wie geht's, Sandra?  
 STUDENT 1: Es geht mir nicht so gut. Und dir?  
 STUDENT 2: Mir geht's gut! TschÙss!



Franz MÙller



Katja Vogel

**Dialog 2: You meet a fellow guest at an evening party.**

Greet the person. Ask their name (casual). Ask the spelling. Ask their mood. Say goodbye.

*(for extra practice, spell both first and last name!)*



David KrÙger



Professor Winkler

**Dialog 3: A professor meets a new student.**

Greet the person. Ask their name (formal). Ask the spelling. Ask their mood. Say goodbye.

*(for extra practice, spell both first and last name!)*



Julia Schäfer



Matthias KÙnig

**Dialog 4: You meet a new neighbor in the morning.**

Greet the person. Ask their name (formal). Ask the spelling. Ask their mood. Say goodbye.

*(for extra practice, spell both first and last name!)*



Waltraud Schulze



Sophia WeiÙ

**Dialog 5: At the library one afternoon, two students meet.**

Greet the person. Ask their name (casual). Ask the spelling. Ask their mood. Say goodbye.

*(for extra practice, spell both first and last name!)*



Alex Mayer