

## How to Say Hello in Chinese

Phrase	Pinyin	Use
你好	nǐ hǎo (say ní hǎo)	Strangers, neutral, formal
您好	nín hǎo	Elders, bosses, formal
嗨 / 嘿	hāi / hēi	Friends, casual
哈喽	hā lóu	Texts, social media
喂	wéi	Phone only
早	zǎo	Morning, casual
吃了吗?	chī le ma?	Casual check-in, traditional contexts
你干嘛呢?	nǐ gànma ne?	What are you up to? (friends)
再见	zàijiàn	Formal goodbye
拜拜	bāibāi	Casual bye
走了	zǒu le	I'm heading out
谢谢	xièxie	Thank you
麻烦你了	máfan nǐ le	Sorry for the trouble / thanks
不用谢	bú yòng xiè	You're welcome
我喜欢你	wǒ xǐhuān nǐ	Romantic confession
我爱你	wǒ ài nǐ	I love you (used sparingly)
生日快乐	shēngrì kuàilè	Happy birthday
祝你长命百岁	zhù nǐ chángmìng bǎisui	Wishing you a long life