

Greetings

Wie geht's dir? = How are you?

Was gibt's es? // Was geht ab? // Na? = What's up?

Alles klar? = Everything alright?

Wie läuft's? = How's it going?

Lange nicht gesehen! = Long time no see!

Schön, dich zu sehen! = Nice to see you!

Alternatives to ja

Auf jeden Fall = yes indeed / definitely

Gern(e)* = gladly

Unbedingt = absolutely

Abgemacht = deal

Das klingt gut = sounds good

Das klappt // das passt = that works

***gern(e)** is also commonly used as an alternative to **bitte** (as in, "you're welcome):

– **Danke schön!** – **Gerne!**

Point out the obvious

Na klar = of course / obviously

Na sicher = of course / sure

Natürlich = of course / naturally

Selbstverständlich = of course / doubtless / obviously / naturally

The grey area

Jein = yes and no

Joar = ergh, ok, but I'm not remotely convinced

Vielleicht // eventuell // möglicherweise = perhaps

Express understanding

Verstehe = I understand

Wie ärgerlich // wie toll = how annoying/amazing

Ohne Zweifel = without a doubt

Es tut mir leid = I'm sorry

Alles klar! = all right!

Wie schade = what a shame

Alternatives to nein when invited somewhere or asked for a favour

Leider, kann ich nicht = unfortunately, I can't

Lass es uns etwas anderes versuchen = let's try something different

Leider bin ich beschäftigt = unfortunately I'm busy

Ich habe keine Zeit = I don't have time

Auf keinen Fall! = no way!

Kick the can down the road

Lass mich eine Nacht darüber schlafen = let me sleep on it

Ich schaue mal, wenn ich Zeit habe = I'll take a look when I have time

Ich kann nichts versprechen = I can't promise anything

Lass mich nochmal darüber nachdenken = let me give it another think

Agree with others

Genau = exactly

Stimmt = right

Bestimmt = surely / likely / I imagine so

Ich stimme völlig zu = I totally agree

Du hast recht = you're right

Richtig = right / correct

Challenge others

Doch! = yes! (emphatic and in contrast to negative statement just said)

Eigentlich... = actually... (pre-contrasting statement)

Komm schon! = come on!

Ohne scheiß* = no shit!

Ne = nope / nah

Kein aber! = no buts!

Ich bin dagegen = I disagree

*This is really rude...

Alleviate tension

Keine Sorge = no worries

Kein Problem = no problem

Alles ok / in Ordnung = all good

A2- B1 German



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Express surprise

Echt?! = really? / for real?

Wirklich?! = really?

Ach so! = oh, I see!

Unglaublich! = unbelievable

Goodbyes

Mach's gut! = Take care!

Schönen Tag noch! = Have a nice day!

Schönes Wochenende! = Have a nice weekend!

Hau rein! = Take it easy! / See ya!

Wir sehen uns! = See you!

Komm gut Heim = get home safe

Na, denn mal los! = let's get going, then!

Bis später = see you later

Bis gleich = see you soon

Bis dann = see you then

Bis zum nächsten Mal = until next time

Tchau! // Tschüss! = Bye!

Filler words

Also... = So... / Well...

Tja... = Well... (expressing uncertainty)

Naja... = Well... / Meh... (hesitation or mild disagreement)

Eben... = Exactly... / Just... (reinforcing a point)

Sagen wir mal... = Let's say...

Wie gesagt... = As I said...

Übrigens... = By the way...

Quasi... = Kind of... / Sort of...

Schon... = Kind of... / I guess...

Im Grunde = Basically