

Slang English greetings and expressions

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In our last blog, we explained about English Greetings – casual and formal. In our today’s blog, we will learn about slang English greetings and expressions. Slang greetings are very informal, and should not be used in formal professional environment. They must be used with people you are comfortable with and whom you know very well. Slang changes from region to region and one must carefully use them according to the region. You cannot use American slang in Australian region as that will get you some strange looks. For this you need to learn the local slang of that place. Let us learn the common slang English greetings and get started.

<u>Formal</u>	<u>Greeting an old friend</u>	<u>Informal</u>
Hello, (name).	<i>Long time, no see.</i>	Hey!
Hello!	<i>How have you been?</i>	What's up?
How are you?	<i>Nice to see you again!</i>	What's new?
How are you doing?	<i>What have you been up to?</i>	What's going on?
Good morning.	<i>What's new?</i>	Hi, (name)!
Good afternoon.		How are ya?
Good evening.		Howdy!
Nice to meet you!		

6 Slang Greetings You Must Know

1. Hiya!

Hiya is used for “How are you?” You can find this slang mostly in some parts of England. When someone says, “Hiya” you don’t need to actually answer this question – you can instead say “hey!” right back. Try this new English greeting and you will find that greeting people in different ways will not only improve your English but also sound more natural. Besides it is more fun and interesting to use slang in conversation.

2. Howdy

Howdy is an abbreviation of “how do you do?”, which is very informal. This slang is commonly used in certain parts of Canada and the U.S. Don’t say “howdy” outside these regions, or else you will sound like a cowboy.

3. Yo!

Yo is an extremely informal greeting. It is very common in America and comes from 1990’s hip-hop slang. This greeting should only be used with very close friends, and never in a professional situation.

4. Sup? Or Whazzup?

Sup and Whazzup are abbreviations of “what’s up?” This slang is commonly used among teenagers. When someone asks you “what’s up?”, you can answer “nothing” or “not much”.

5. Are you OK?/ You alright?/ Alright mate?

These slangs mean “hello” and “how are you” which is common in Britain. When someone asks you in a casual way, you can respond “yeah, fine”, or “alright”.

6. G'day mate!

G'day mate is a casual greeting which is an Australian abbreviation of “good day”. Remember, Australian greetings regularly use “ya” instead of “you”. Like if someone asks “how are ya?” it means “how are you?” and if they ask you “how are ya going?”, it basically means “how’s it going?” or “how are you doing?”

Slang greetings and expressions can't be used in a [formal communication](#), so be cautious when to use these words. They are very much a part of our daily English conversation and hence, it is good to know about them.

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