Korean Greetings 인사 표현

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Hello ↗ any time of day	**안녕하십니까** annyeonghasimnikka speeches, the military	**안녕하세요** annyeonghaseyo the everyday default	**안녕** annyeong hi — and also bye
	No everyday "good afternoon" or "good evening" — 안녕하세요 works all day, and it's never wrong.		
Good morning ↗	**안녕히 주무셨어요?** annyeonghi jumusyeosseoyo? "did you sleep well?" — to elders **좋은 아침입니다** joeun achimimnida a formal office	**좋은 아침이에요** joeun achimieyo between coworkers **잘 잤어요?** jal jasseoyo? family, travel companions	**잘 잤어?** jal jasseo? family, a partner **굿모닝** gunmoning family, couples
	잘 잤어(요)?: only family, a partner or someone very close, people you traveled or stayed with — very odd to a coworker. 굿모닝: never to elders or your boss.		
Have you eaten? ↗ = how are you?	**식사하셨어요?** siksahasyeosseoyo? to elders	**밥 먹었어요?** bap meogeosseoyo? **점심 드셨어요?** jeomsim deusyeosseoyo? "had lunch?" — afternoons	**밥 먹었어?** bap meogeosseo? friends, family
	A warm hello, not a question about food — answer lightly and ask back (see page 2).		
Nice to meet you ↗ first meetings	**만나서 반갑습니다** mannaseo bangapseumnida first day at work **잘 부탁드립니다** jal butakdeurimnida the expected closing line	**만나서 반가워요** mannaseo bangawoyo a club or meetup **잘 부탁드려요** jal butakdeuryeoyo a little less formal	**반가워** bangawo "nice to meet you!"
	First meetings stay polite. 처음 뵙겠습니다 (cheoeum boepgetseumnida) is the classic formal opener.		
Welcome ↗	**환영합니다** hwanyeonghamnida official events, banners	**어서 오세요** eoseo oseyo what shop staff say **환영해요** hwanyeonghaeyo a new coworker	**어서 와** eoseo wa a friend at your door **환영해** hwanyeonghae a friend joining your group
	No reply needed to a shop's 어서 오세요 — and don't say it back: you'd be welcoming staff to their own shop.		
Goodbye ↗ who's leaving?	**안녕히 가세요** annyeonghi gaseyo to the person LEAVING	**안녕히 계세요** annyeonghi gyeseyo to the person STAYING	**잘 가** jal ga to the one leaving **잘 있어** jal isseo to the one staying
	Look at THEM: going → 가세요, staying → 계세요. Both leaving together → 가세요. Casual 안녕 works either way.		
See you later ↗	**다음에 또 뵐게요** daeume tto boelgeyo to someone senior **이따 봬요** itta bwaeyo later today, humbly	**다음에 봐요** daeume bwayo see you next time **이따 봐요** itta bwayo later today	**또 봐** tto bwa see you again **이따 봐** itta bwa later today
	이따: only for later today, at a time and place already agreed. Otherwise 나중에 (najunge), 또, 다음에 are interchangeable.		
Take care ↗ someone heading off	**조심히 가세요** josimhi gaseyo "get home safe"	**들어가세요** deureogaseyo someone heading home	**조심히 가** josimhi ga get home safe **잘 지내** jal jinae a long time apart
	Leaving someone who's still working (a shop, the office)? 수고하세요 (sugohaseyo) — see page 2.		
Good night ↗	**안녕히 주무세요** annyeonghi jumuseyo grandparents, elders	**잘 자요** jal jayo the everyday default	**잘 자** jal ja close friends, partners
	Literally "sleep well." To someone close, add 좋은 꿈 꿔 (joeun kkum kkwo) — "sweet dreams."		

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Thank you ↗	**감사합니다** gamsahamnida the safe default **고맙습니다** gomapseumnida same level, a touch warmer	**고마워요** gomawoyo friendly but polite **감사해요** gamsahaeyo coworkers, acquaintances	**고마워** gomawo close friends, younger people **진짜 고마워** jinjja gomawo "seriously, thanks!"
	When unsure, go one level up: 감사합니다 never offends; 고마워 to a stranger, boss or elder does.		
You're welcome ↗ replying to thanks	**아닙니다** animnida formal, at work **별말씀을요** byeolmalsseumeuryo "don't mention it"	**아니에요** anieyo the real default **괜찮아요** gwaenchanayo "no worries"	**아니야** aniya close friends **괜찮아** gwaenchana "no worries"
	천만에요 (cheonmaneyo) is correct but textbook-stiff. A simple 네 (ne) with a nod, or thanking back, is natural too.		
Sorry ↗	**죄송합니다** joesonghamnida strangers, customers, work **미안합니다** mianhamnida a touch less humble	**죄송해요** joesonghaeyo softer everyday politeness **미안해요** mianhaeyo friendly but polite	**미안해** mianhae close friends, younger people **미안** mian "oops" — texting-level
	Staff always say 죄송합니다. 죄송한데요… (joesonghandeyo) before a question = "sorry to bother you."		
Good work ↗ after an effort	**수고하셨습니다** sugohasyeotseumnida the whole office, leaving **고생하셨습니다** gosaenghasyeotseumnida safer to someone very senior	**수고했어요** sugohaesseoyo the work is done **수고하세요** sugohaseyo to someone still working	**수고했어** sugohaesseo teammates, friends, juniors
	It thanks the effort, not the result — it still fits after a lost match or a failed project.		
Good luck ↗ before an exam, interview…	**행운을 빕니다** haenguneul bimnida writing, speeches — real chance	**잘될 거예요** jaldoel geoyeyo "it'll go well" **시험 잘 보세요** siheom jal boseyo good luck on the exam	**화이팅!** hwaiting! "you've got this!" **시험 잘 봐!** siheom jal bwa! good luck on the exam
	Exams, interviews, games: cheer the effort with 화이팅 (also 파이팅, paiting). 행운 ("luck") is for real chance, like a raffle.		
Congratulations ↗ after the result	**축하드립니다** chukhadeurimnida to a senior or boss **축하합니다** chukhahamnida the formal default	**축하해요** chukhahaeyo friendly coworkers **결혼 축하해요** gyeolhon chukhahaeyo congrats on the wedding	**축하해** chukhahae close friends **합격 축하해!** hapgyeok chukhahae! congrats on passing!
	Starting the congratulations? Name the occasion first, as above. A bare 축하해 is fine as a reply.		
Happy New Year ↗ Jan 1 and Seollal	**새해 복 많이 받으십시오** saehae bok mani badeusipsio speeches, cards to seniors	**새해 복 많이 받으세요** saehae bok mani badeuseyo anyone — the default	**새해 복 많이 받아** saehae bok mani bada close friends, younger family
	"Receive a lot of luck in the new year" — said on January 1 and again at 설날 (Seollal). Reply with the same wish.		

How to answer · 대답하기

안녕하세요 → 네, 안녕하세요
annyeonghaseyo → ne, annyeonghaseyo
Just mirror it — 네 makes it a touch warmer.

밥 먹었어? → 응, 먹었어. 너는?
bap meogeosseo? → eung, meogeosseo. neoneun?
Yeah, I ate. You? — the whole exchange.

잘 잤어? (a parent) → 네, 잘 잤어요. 안녕히 주무셨어요?
jal jasseo? → ne, jal jasseoyo. annyeonghi jumusyeosseoyo?
Your own sleep is plain 잤어요 — never 주무셨어요.

감사합니다 → 아니에요 / 네
gamsahamnida → anieyo / ne
Deflect the thanks, or just acknowledge it.

미안해 → 괜찮아
mianhae → gwaenchana
It's okay.

새해 복 많이 받으세요 → 감사합니다. 새해 복 많이 받으세요
saehae bok mani badeuseyo → gamsahamnida. saehae bok mani badeuseyo
Thank you — the same wish back.

Whatever you say, add a light nod (목례, mongnye) — especially to anyone older or senior to you.

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