



Phonetic Greetings and Short Phrases in 20 Languages

English	Hello	Do you speak (name of language)?	Please hold!	Please don't hang up!
ARABIC	MAR-ha-bah	Hal ti-ta-KAL-lam ah-rah-BEE	In-TI-ther, LOOT-foon	Ha LEEK al haht loot-foon
ARMENIAN	Pah-REV-tess	Hiya wren hoe soh-MECK	Hod GEESE meg bar-GONE spa-SEHK	Hod GEESE HAIR-a horse bar mee ten-Nair
CANTONESE	WHY, nee hoe?	Lay gawn gwa dawn wa MAH?	DAHN yet sahn	Mmm HOE sowl seen
FRENCH	Ah-LOH?	Parlay voo frahn-SAY?	Ahtan-DAY see voo play	Nuh key tay PAH
GERMAN	Haw-LOH?	SPREK-in zee DOYTCH?	EYE-nen moh-MAHNT bitteh	LAY-gen zee nikt owf
GREEK	Em-BROSS?	Mee LAHT-tay el lee nee-KA?	Enna LEP-toe pah rah ka LOH	Min LKEE settay pah rah ka LOH
HAITIAN	Ah-LOH?	Oo parlay cray-OHL?	Ton oo Mahmon	Pah rah crow-SHAY
HEBREW	Shah-LOHM!	(Addressing a male) ha EEM ah-TAH mehda-BEAR eev-REET (Addressing a female) ha EEM aht mehda-BEAR-ett eev-REET	NA-lay hum-TEEN	(Addressing a male) al ten not TECK (Addressing a female) al ten not KEY
ITALIAN	PRAHN-toe	Pahr-lah ee-tah-lee-AH-no?	Oon AH-tee-moh pair fah-VOR-ay	Nohn ah-TAHK-ay pair fa-VOR-ay
JAPANESE	Moo-shay-moo-shay	Nee-HOHN-go hanashe-MAHS KAH?	CHOH-toe MAHT-tay koo-dah SIGH	KEY-rah NIGH-day koo-dah-sigh
KHMER	Johm reep sewer	Da neh EYE-ng yuy KMAIR?	Sum jahm bon-TECK	Comb al da-CHO
KOREAN	Yah-BAH say-yoh?	Han gook mahl ham neek-KAH?	Chahm kahn mahn key da ree say YO	GOONT-chee mah say-YO
LAOTIAN	Sah bye DEE	Wow LAO die ball?	Ka loo-NA ta jock nuy	Ka loo-NA bowl TONG vahng toe la SAHP
MANDARIN	Way, nee how?	Nee show chon-gwoh yi mah?	Done YEE done	Cheeng boo YOWL gwah dyowl
POLISH	Jeen doh-bray	Moh-vee Poh POLE-skoo?	PRO-shay CHAY-kotch	PRO-shay nee kwash sloo-HAF-key
PORTUGUESE	Ah-LO-ah	Fah-lah pour-too-Gaysh?	Esh-PAIR-ay oo moh-MAIN-too	Now desh-LEE-gay
RUSSIAN	Zdrats-vooy-tye	Vee gah-vah-ree-tay pah ROOS-kay	Pah-JEE-tay poo-JOWL-stah	Nee brights-ye-tyay TROOP-kooch
SPANISH	Bueh-noh	AH-blah oos-tethe es-pahn-yol	Es-PAIR-ray pour fah-bore	No KWELL-gay
VIETNAMESE	(Addressing female) jowl KOH (Addressing male) jowl AHN	(addressing female) Koh noy ting viet KAUM (addressing male) AHN noy ting viet KAUM	Juh mote JOOT	Doong GACK my