

Basic Phrases Review

Phrase	Explanation	Phonetic Transcription
Please	This is a polite expression when you ask for something.	pliːz
Of course	This is the same as yes when the answer "yes" is obvious.	ɒv kɔːs
Thank you	This shows appreciation for something.	θ æŋk juː
Thank you very much	This increases the basic expression "thank you".	θ æŋk juː vɛri mʌʃ
Thanks	This is an alternative to "thank you".	θ æŋks
You're welcome!	This is the response when somebody says "thank you" to show that you accept their thanks.	jʊə wɛlkəm!
Could you repeat that?	If you want to listen a second time, you can ask this question. The person will say their phrase again.	kʊd juː rɪpiːt ðæt?
Nice to meet you	Polite phrases to say when somebody tells you their name. This is only used the first time somebody tells you their name.	naɪs tuː miːt juː
Lovely to meet you		lʌvli tuː miːt juː
It's a pleasure to meet you		ɪts ə plɛʒə tuː miːt juː
Excuse me	A polite expression to get the attention of somebody.	ɪkskjʊːs miː
I'm sorry	A phrase to apologise for something.	aɪm sɒri
I'm so sorry	This increases the expression "I'm sorry".	aɪm səʊ sɒri
I don't understand	This phrase explains that you have no comprehension. Maybe the language is too difficult or it's a strange accent.	aɪ dəʊnt ʌndəstænd

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Never mind	These expressions mean that it is not important and you can forget something.	nɛvə maɪnd
It doesn't matter		ɪt dʌznt mətə
Let's	This expression is always followed by a verb (let's + infinitive verb). This is used to make a suggestion.	lets
What do you think?	This means "what is your opinion".	wɒt duː juː θ ɪŋk?
That sounds great!	This means it is a good idea and the person is interested.	ðæt saʊndz greɪt!
How can I help you?	This is a question that offers help to somebody.	haʊ kæn aɪ help juː?
I really appreciate it	This is a polite expression after "thank you". This means you are very happy and grateful for somebody's help.	aɪ riəli əpriːʃɪeɪt ɪt
Could you speak slower?	If you don't understand because somebody is talking very fast, you can use this expression. This is a polite question to ask somebody to speak slowly.	kʊd juː spiːk sləʊə?
Here you go!	You can use this expression at the same time as giving something to somebody.	hɪə juː gəʊ!
That helps a lot	This is an expression to say something was useful and helpful.	ðæt helps ə lɒt
No problem	This is an expression to say you are happy to help with something and it was not a problem for you.	nəʊ prɒbləm
What does it mean?	If you don't understand something, you can ask this question. This asks somebody to help you understand something. You can replace the word "it" too. E.g. "what does this message mean?"	wɒt dʌz ɪt miːn?
I don't know	This means you do not understand something.	aɪ dəʊnt nəʊ