



Basic words and phrases:

Yes: Ναι (neh)

No: Όχι (OH-hee)

Excuse me/Sorry: Συγγνώμη (see-GHNO-mee)

OK: Εντάξει (eh-NTA-xee). Don't overuse as it is similar to "whatever."

Thank you: Ευχαριστώ (e-fkha-ree-STOE)

Thank you very much: Ευχαριστώ πολύ

(e-fkha-ree-STOE po-LEE)

Please /You're welcome: Παρακαλώ

(pa-ra-kah-LOE). The word for "please" and "you're welcome" is the same. It can also be used to mean "I beg your pardon?" when you want people to repeat what they just said. You might also hear

"pa-ra-kah-LOE" when someone answers the telephone.

My name is...: Με λένε (meh LEH-neh)

What is your name?: Πως σε λένε;

(pos se LEH-neh?)

I'm sorry, I don't speak Greek: Λυπάμαι, δεν μιλάω Ελληνικά

(lee-PAH-meh, then mee-LA-oe eh-lee-nee-KAH)

Do you speak English?: Μιλάτε αγγλικά

(Mee-LAH-teh a-gee-KAH?)

I don't understand: Δεν καταλαβαίνω

(Then kah-tah-lah-VEH-noe)

Help: Βοήθεια (voh-EE-thee-ah)

I am an American: Είμαι Αμερικάνος

(EE-meh ah-meh-ree-KAH-nohs)

Greetings:

Hi: Γειά (Yah). Very informal. Not to be used for higher ranking officials or senior citizens.

Hi: (formal): Γειά σας (YAH sahs)

Nice to meet you: Χάρηκα πολύ

(HAH-ree-kah po-LEE)

How are you?: Τι κανείς; (tee KAH-nees?). The usual response is "Καλά, εσύ;" (kah-LAH, eh-SEE?) which means "Good, how about you?"

Good morning: Καλημέρα (kah-lee-MEH-rah)

Good afternoon/evening (entering): Καλησπέρα (kah-lee-SPEH-rah)

Have a good week: Καλή εβδομάδα

(kah-LEE eh-vtho-MAH-thah)

Have a good month: Καλό μήνα (kah-LOH MEE-nah)

Ways to say farewell:

Good evening (farewell/leaving): Καλό βράδυ

(Ka-LOH VRAH-dee)

Goodnight (farewell/leaving): Καληνύχτα

(kah-lee-NEE-khtah)

Farewell/Goodbye (anytime of the day): Αντίο

(an-TI-oh). The more informal way of saying bye would just be “Yah.” If addressing two or more individuals, say “YAH saHs.”

See you/Talk to you later: Τα λέμε (tah LEH-meh). Another way to say goodbye.

Have a good weekend: Καλό Σαββατοκύριακο

(Ka-LOH sah-va-to-KEE-ria-koh)

Phrases for restaurants:

Could I have the menu, please? Θα μπορούσα να έχω τον κατάλογο, παρακαλώ; (Tha bo-ROO-sa na E-kho ton ka-TAH-lo-goh, pa-ra-ka-LOE?)

Could we have the menu, please? Θα μπορούσαμε να έχουμε τον κατάλογο,

παρακαλώ; (Tha bo-ROO-sa-meh nah E-khou-me tohn ka-TAH-lo-goh, pa-ra-ka-LOE?)

Do you have any dishes for vegetarians? Έχετε πιάτα για χορτοφάγους;

(E-kheh-teh pee-AH-ta yah hoe-rto-FAH-goos?)

Cheers: Στην υγειά μας! (Stin ee-YAH-mas). This literally means “To our health!” You can also say “steen ee-YAH-sas,” which means “To your health!” A shortened version of this is “YAH-mas” which means “to our health.”

Oops!/Whoa!: Όπα (OH-pa) Originally meaning “oops” or “whoops,” it's also used frequently as an expression of enthusiasm or joy in celebrations or

to show appreciation for music and dancing. When driving, parking or moving things it means “stop.”

Where is the restroom please? Που είναι η τουαλέτα παρακαλώ;

(POO EE-neh ee too-a-LEH-tah pa-ra-ka-LOE?)

I have a reservation: Έχω κάνει κράτηση

(E-kho KAH-nee KRAH-tee-see)

Could I have the check please? Θα μπορούσα να έχω τον λογαριασμό παρακαλώ; (Tha bo-ROO-sa nah E-khoe ton lo-gha-rya-SMOE pa-ra-kah-LOE?)

You can keep the change: Τα ρέστα δικά σου

(Ta REH-stah thee-KAH soo)

Everything was perfect: Όλα ήταν τέλεια

(OH-lah EE-tan TEH-lee-a)

I really liked it here: Μου άρεσε πολύ εδώ

(moo AH-reh-seh poe-LEE e-THOE)

Birthdays:

May you live long! Να ζήσεις! (na ZEE-sees)

May you live up to a hundred! Να τα εκατοστήσεις! (na ta e-ka-to-STEE-sees)

May you live for many years! Χρόνια Πολλά (KHROH-nyah po-LAH)

Name days:

May you rejoice your name: Να χαίρεσαι το όνομά σου! (na KHE-reh-seh to OH-noh-ma soo)

May you live for many years! Χρόνια Πολλά (KHROH-nyah po-LAH)

Weddings:

Before the ceremony:

May the time of marriage be good and lucky:

Η ώρα η καλή! (ee OH-ra ee ka-LEE)

After the ceremony:

May you both live long: Να ζήσετε!

(na ZEE-she-teh)

Congratulations: Συγχαρητήρια!

(sink-ha-ree-TEE-ria)

Birth of a child:

May your child live a long and healthy life:

Να σου ζήσει! (na soo ZEE-see)

Various phrases

I'd like to buy this: Θα ήθελα να το αγοράσω αυτό
(Tha EE-theh-la na toa-goh-RA-soh a-FTOH)

Can I try this on? Μπορώ να το φορέσω αυτό;

(bo-ROH na to fo-REH-so a-FTO?)

Could you take a picture of me, please? Θα μπορούσατε να τραβήξετε μια φωτογραφία μου;
(tha boh-ROO-sa-teH na tra-VEE-kseh-teh MEE-a fo-to-gra-FEE-a moo?)

Holiday wishes:

Merry Christmas: Καλά Χριστούγεννα

(Kah-LAH khree-STOO-ge-nah)

Happy Easter: Καλό Πάσχα (ka-LOH PAH-skah)

Happy New Year's Eve: Καλή Πρωτοχρονιά

(Kah-LEE pro-to-khro-NYAH)

Happy New Year: Καλή Χρονιά

(Kah-LEE khroh-NYAH)