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Survival Phrases S1
How to Say Thank You in English

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English

- Thank you
- Thank you very much
- Thanks
- Thanks a lot

Vocabulary

English	Definition	Class
Thank you	phrase used when expressing appreciation	phrase
very much	words added to something for emphasis	phrase
thanks	casual way of saying thank you	noun
a lot	words added to something for emphasis	phrase

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

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Thank you, ma'am.
Her work was challenging, but she enjoyed it very much.
Thanks for inviting me!
I have a lot of respect for him as a writer.

Grammar Points

Wherever your destination may be, manners are a must! And in this respect, the United States is no different. So in our very first lesson, we'll be teaching you a simple phrase that is bound to come in handy throughout your trip to the States. I can't stress this enough, a little a bit of language can go such a long way!

In English, we say *Thank you.*

You can emphasize *thank you* by adding *very much*. It shows a little more gratitude. Now let's hear it

once again *thank you very much.*

In English there are other ways to express one's gratitude, and a casual way of saying it is *thanks.* You will hear this often in place of *thank you.* Don't forget the *s. Thanks.* Another casual way of saying this is by adding *a lot. Thanks a lot.*

There will be occasions where you will really want to show your appreciation and politeness. In this case, you would want to show your gratitude with the tone of your voice.

Cultural Insight

Quick tip 1

Many people will use both *thank you* and *thanks* in daily conversations. You will hear the casual *thanks* more often between friends and people you know well, and *thank you* among people you don't know so well. However, you may also hear the casual *thanks* among such people as well, since English tends to be more casual.

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