goodbye

good·bye [goodbye goodbyes] *BrE* [,gʊd'baɪ] *NAmE* [,gʊd'baɪ] exclamation, noun

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- Goodbye! It was great to meet you.
- She didn't even **say goodbye** to her mother.
- Say goodbye to Mary for me.
- We waved them goodbye .
- We've already said our goodbyes.
- Kissme goodbye !
- (figurative) Take out our service contract and say goodbye to costly repair bills.
- compare tbye, see kiss sth goodbyekiss goodbye to sth at tkiss v

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: contraction of God be with you!, with good substituted on the pattern of phrases such as good morning.

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[Date: 1500-1600, Origin: God be with you]

used when you are leaving someone, or when they are leaving ⇒ **hello**:

- Goodbye, John, see you tomorrow.
- I just have to say goodbye to Jane.
- say your goodbyes (=say goodbye to several people or everyone)
 - We said our goodbyes and left.

THESAURUS

• **goodbye** used when you are leaving or when someone is leaving you. **Goodbye** sounds rather formal and is used especially when talking to people you do not know well. In everyday English people usually just say **bye**: 'Goodbye, Mrs Moore.' 'Goodbye, Dr Aziz.' | Thank you for calling. Goodbye.

• bye goodbye: 'Bye, Annie.' 'Bye, Mom,' she said, kissing her mother on the cheek. | Bye everyone! | Bye for now (=used especially on the phone when you will speak to someone soon) - call me if you need anything.

• see you *informal* used when saying goodbye to a friend who you will see again soon: See you, Darren. | 'I'm going now.' 'Okay. <u>See you tomorrow</u>.' | Safe trip back guys and we'll see you soon.

• later/catch you later *informal* used when saying goodbye to a friend you will see again soon. These expressions sound very informal and are used especially by young people: Catch you later, Matt. | 'Later, Mike.' 'Later, Steve.'

• see you around *informal* used when saying goodbye to someone and you are not sure when you will see them again: He spent the night with me and then just said 'See you around' and left.

• so long *American English* used when saying goodbye to someone who you will not see again for a long time: 'So long,' he said. 'Don't forget to write.' | She grabbed Nick by the shoulders and hugged him affectionately. 'So long, Nick.'

• have a good weekend /a great trip etc used when saying goodbye to someone to wish them a good weekend, an enjoyable trip etc: Have a nice weekend. | Have a great time at the concert, guys!

• have a nice day used by people working in shops when saying goodbye to customers: Here's your change. Have a nice day.

• take care used when saying goodbye to someone, especially someone you like every much, to show that you care about them: 'Bye love! Take care.' 'You too! Bye!'

• cheerio *British English informal* goodbye. Cheerio sounds rather old-fashioned and is used especially by older people: Right, well we're going now, cheerio then!

- cheers British English informal goodbye - used especially by younger people: Cheers, mate! See you soon.

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