

## hey

1. [heɪ] *n* *разг.*

привет

tell him hey for me - передай ему привет от меня

2. [heɪ] *int*1) эй! (*оклик*)2) ну! (*выражает изумление, радость*)

hey for Smith! - ура Смиту!, да здоровствует Смит!

hey for the greenwoods! - в лес!

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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hey *BrE* [heɪ] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [heɪ] <sup>ˈ</sup> *exclamation* (informal)

1. used to attract sb's attention or to express interest, surprise or anger

• Hey, can I just ask you something?

• Hey, leave my things alone!

2. used to show that you do not really care about sth or that you think it is not important

• That's the third time I've been late this week— but hey!— who's counting?

3. (*SAfrE*) used at the end of a statement, to show that you have finished speaking, or to form a question or invite sb to reply

• Thanks for your help, hey.

• My new bike's nice, hey?

*Idiom:* ↑*what the hey!**Word Origin:*

[hey] natural exclamation: first recorded in Middle English.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

hey /heɪ/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *interjection*

[Date: 1100-1200; Origin: A natural shout]

1. a shout used to get someone's attention or to show surprise, interest, or annoyance:

" Hey, wait a minute!

2. *informal* hello:

" Hey, what's up?

3. *but hey informal* said when you do not think something is important:

" I would have liked to go, but hey, it's no big deal.

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## THESAURUS

- **hello** used when you meet someone, or when you start a telephone conversation. In everyday English, most people usually say **hi** because it sounds more friendly. You use **hello** especially when talking to people you do not know well, or to older people:

Hello. Could I speak to someone in customer service, please? | Hello, Mrs Jones. How are you?

- **hi** used as a friendly greeting when you meet someone start a telephone conversation, or at the beginning of an email: Hi, Gwen – did you have a nice weekend? | Hi everybody.

- **hey** *especially American English informal* used as a friendly greeting when you see someone you know well and you want to start talking to them: Hey, Scott! What's up, buddy?

- **hiya** *informal* used as a very informal greeting when speaking to someone you know well: Hiya, Jake. How's it going?

- **good morning/good afternoon/good evening** used when meeting someone at a particular time of day. In everyday English, people usually just say **Morning!**, **Afternoon!** etc: Good morning, class! | Morning everyone. Sorry I'm late. | Good afternoon, Mr Smith.

- **how are you?** (*also how are you doing?/how's it going? informal*) used when you are greeting someone and starting a conversation: How's it going Tom? I haven't seen you for ages. | Hi Helen. How are you doing? Is the new job going well?

- **how do you do?** *formal* used when you meet someone for the first time, especially after you have just been told their name.

**How do you do** sounds very formal. These days in everyday English, people often say **hi** when meeting someone for the first time: 'John, I'd like you to meet our new project manager, Nisha Patel.' 'How do you do?'

- **pleased/good/nice to meet you** used when you meet someone for the first time and have just been told their name: 'Richard, this is my brother Ronnie.' 'Nice to meet you, Ronnie.' | 'My name is Lena Curtis.' 'Pleased to meet you, I'm David Bennet.' | Mrs Parrish, it's good to meet you after hearing Lynn talk so much about you.

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