

Lesson Notes № 2

Formal Greetings and Saying Goodbye in Ukrainian + Pronouns



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“Привіт! Менé звáти Áнна — Hi! My name is Anna. Як спрáви? I hope you are doing чудóво or at least дúже дóбре.

In the second episode of the Ukrainian Lessons Podcast, we are continuing with greetings. This time formal ways to say “Hello”. It differs depending on the time of the day.

In addition, we will have a look at all the ways to say “Goodbye”. Do not forget to check the bonus vocabulary section at the end of this document, there are many more good ways to finish your meeting there. At last, we are learning a small song of займéнники — personal pronouns.



Dialogue

This time we are having a closer look at a formal conversation in Ukrainian. This can happen to you at the shop, at the university, at work, at the airport, etc.

Our dialogue is happening at the **готéль** — hotel, between a receptionist and a guest.



- Дóброго рáнку!
- Дóброго рáнку!
- У вас все дóбре?
- Так, все чудóво.
- Гáрного дня!
- Дякую, і вам.
- До побáчення!
- До побáчення!

Добрий день! — Hello!

In Ukrainian, formal greetings depend on the time of the day and all combine with an adjective:

Дóбрий

It means “good, nice, kind”.

The most typical greeting that you can use at any time of the day is:

Дóбрий день!

Here are some other options for the morning (before noon), evening (when it's almost or completely dark), and time when people go to sleep:

- Дóброго рáнку! — *Good morning!*
- Дóбрий день! = Добрíдень — *Hi!* (*Good day!*)
- Дóбрий вéчiр! — *Good evening!*
- Добрáніч! = На добрáніч! — *Good night!*



До побачення! — Goodbye!

Here is the most common way to say goodbye in a formal situation (to your colleague, teacher, or in the store):

До побачення!

Informally, to your friends and close relatives, you say:

Па-па́!

Бува́й!

I mentioned one secret about it in the podcast. **Па-па́!** is used much more in Western Ukraine, but in the Center and East, young people are quite used to the Russian **Пока́!** So be prepared to hear it often.

In the dialogue, they used one more way to finish a conversation in a nice way:

Га́рного дня́!

It means “Have a nice day!” **Га́рний** actually means “beautiful”. I like to use **Га́рного дня́!** in my emails and messages. To reply to “**Га́рного дня́!**” we use this small word:

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It means “and” and is used when we are talking about pairs of things or parallel actions. For example:

- **чоловік і дружина́**
husband and wife
- **Га́рних вихідніх! — І тобі́!**
Have a nice weekend! — And you!
- **So, Га́рного дня́! — І тобі́! — And to you!**
(informal)
- **Га́рного дня́! — І вам! — And to you!**
(formal or plural)

Дякую! — Thank you!

Дякую!

This is a simple and nice way to say “thanks” in Ukrainian.

Будь ла́ска!

This is how we politely reply, it is like “You are welcome”.

An additional thing about **Будь ла́ска** is that it also means “please”. For example:

- **Дай мені́, будь ла́ска, твій но́мер.**
Give me, please, your number.

Займенники — Pronouns

In the podcast, we are singing a short song 🎵 with **займе́нники**:

Я — ти

Він — вона́ — воно́

Ми — ви

Вони́

You can find the translation of each pronoun in the Key Vocabulary section below and the pronouns with pictures on the last page of this document.

Let's see how well you remember **займе́нники** in the bonus exercise.





Bonus exercise

Привіт! Я — Сашко́. Будь ла́ска, choose a pronoun for my friends on each picture:

1  _____ Я

2  _____ Ти

3  _____

4  _____

5  _____

6  _____

7  _____

8  _____

9  _____



Bonus Exercise 1-01 Answers

1. Привіт! *or any other greeting*
2. Як справи?
3. добре / чудово / нормально
4. Рада
5. Я теж / Я також
6. *Any way to answer for Як справи? Як ти?*
For example, Добре / Нормально / Чудово
7. *Any name of another person.*
For example, тато — father.
8. Дуже *or* Все





Key Vocabulary 1-02

Ви готóві?	Are you ready? (<i>formal or plural</i>)
готéль	hotel
дóбрий	good, kind, nice
Дóброго рáнку!	Good morning!
Дóбрий день!	Hello! (“Good day!”)
Дóбрий вéчiр!	Good evening!
Добráніч! = На добráніч!	Good night!
– Гáрного дня!	– Have a nice day!
– I вам. / I тобí.	– You too. (<i>informal, formal</i>)
До побáчення!	Goodbye!
Па-пá!	Bye! (<i>informal</i>)
Дякую!	Thank you!
Будь лáска!	1) You’re welcome! 2) Please!
займéнник, займéнники	pronoun, pronouns
я	I
ти	you (<i>singular informal</i>)
вiн	he
вонá	she
вонó	it
ми	we
ми	you (<i>singular formal or any plural</i>)
вонí	they
магазiн	shop, store





Bonus Vocabulary

Гáрного вéчора!	Have a nice evening!
Гáрного тiжня!	Have a nice week!
Гáрних вихiдних!	Have a nice weekend!
До зу́стрічі!	See you next time! (“Until the meeting!”)
Побáчимося!	See you!
На все дóбре!	All the best! (in both oral and written language)
Всього́ найкращого!	All the best! (in written language, like a letter)
Нема́ за що!	You are welcome! It is nothing!

Займенники

Personal pronouns in Ukrainian



Я



МИ



ТИ



ВИ



ВИ



Він



Вона



Воно



Вони



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