

Saying "Hello" and "Goodbye"

The first thing you should know how to say in Latin is "Hello". Here you can find out how to greet people at different times of day.

- salve/salvete**** hello
- bonum diem** good day
- bonam vésperum** good evening
- bonam noctem** goodnight
- vale/valete**** goodbye

It is polite to add **domine** (Sir) for a man, **domina** (Madam) for a woman, and **dominula** (Miss) for a girl.



Saying "Hello"



This is how you say "Hello" to a friend.



bonum diem means "Good day!".



This is how you say "Good evening".

Saying "Goodbye"



salve can mean "Goodbye" as well as "Hello".



vale means "Goodbye" and "Farewell".

Saying "Goodnight"



You only use **bonam noctem** last thing at night.

Internet link: For a link to a website where you can listen to basic greetings in Latin and read common Latin phrases still used today, go to www.usborne-quicklinks.com



How are you?



This means "How are you?".



This woman is saying that she is fine, thank you....

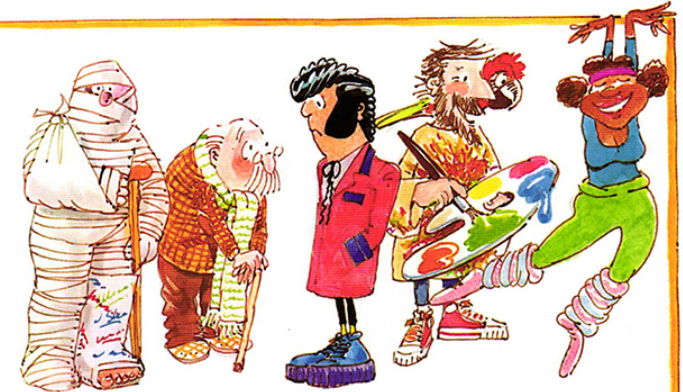


...but this man is saying that he isn't very well.

ut vales?

What do you think these people would say if you asked them how they were? Choose from the list below.

- ut vales?** how are you?
- bene váleo** I'm fine, well
- grátias ago** thank you
- óptime** very well
- bene** well
- satis bene** quite well
- non ita bene** not very well
- péssime** terrible



4 *Remember, the Romans did not use capital letters to begin a sentence.
If you are saying "Hello" or "Goodbye" to more than one person, you say **salvete or **valete**.