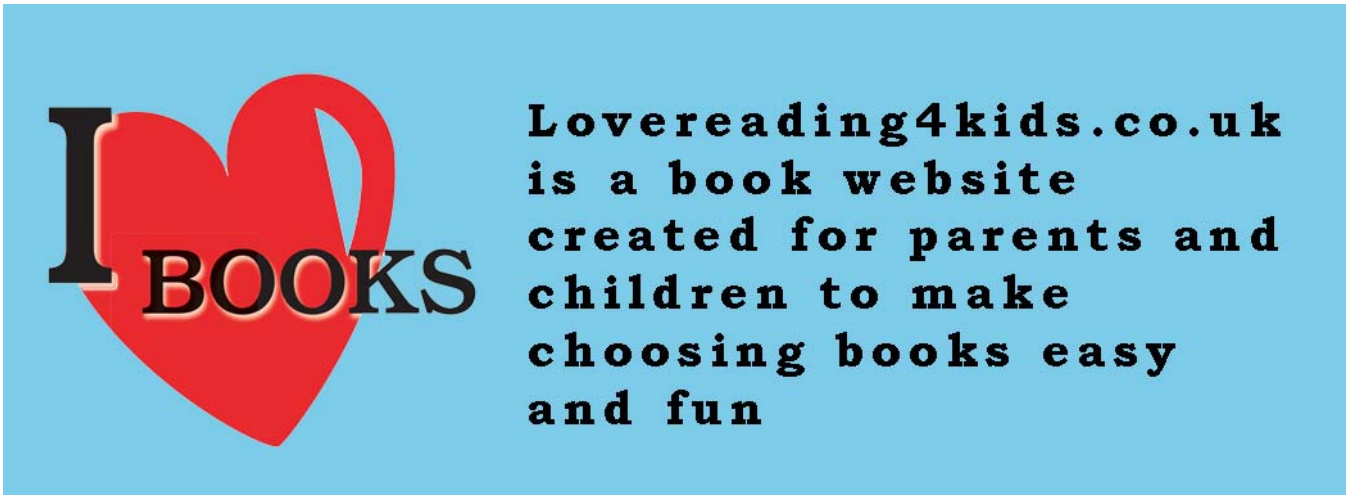


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Hello Europe

Europe is home to more than 50 countries and over 100 languages. Despite being small in size, it stretches from the icy Arctic to the sunny Mediterranean, and the greetings are as varied as the landscape. Have fun learning hellos, and remember to lift the flaps to discover facts about the language and tips on pronunciation.

Góðan dag

Bures

Terve

Hej

Hei

Tere

Hej

Sveiki

Привет!

Dia dhuit

Goededag

Cześć

Sveikas

Hello is the same in Ukrainian and Belarusian, though most other words are different!

Вітаю

Ahoj

Hello

Guten Tag

Szia

Вітаю

Bok

Salut

Bonjour

Živjo

Здраво

Здрасти

Olá

Zdravo / Здраво

Merhaba

¡Hola!

Ciao

Ç'kemi

Γεια!

Salve

Hello UK and Ireland

English is the most common language here, but you may also hear Irish Gaelic in Ireland, Scottish Gaelic in Scotland, and Welsh in Wales.

Latha math

Shwmae

¡Hola Spain!

¡Hola! will be understood throughout Spain, but you might want to use these greetings in different regions:

Bon dia

Ola

Kaixo

Hello Vatican City

Tiny Vatican City, located within Rome, uses the ancient language of Latin for official communication – *Non est mirabile?* (Isn't that wonderful?)

Hello Caucasus

Salam Qafqaz • Арфæ Кавказ

გაუმარჯოს კავკასია

Բարեւ, Կովկաս

In the far southeastern corner of Europe lies a mountainous region with many, many languages, some of which have unusual and elegant alphabets. Come and explore the beautiful and mysterious Caucasus!

Hello Mediterranean

Islands are hotspots for languages! Try saying hi in these four languages from islands of the Mediterranean Sea:

Salute

Salutamu

Bone die

Hawn

Goodbye World

Speakers of Dakota – a Native American language in the Sioux branch – do not have a word directly meaning 'Goodbye'. Instead, they use 'Doka', a phrase meaning 'See you later', since you are bound to meet again, whether in this life or the afterlife. So treat this as a page of 'Dokas', as we'd love you to come back soon to greet the world all over again.

Keep Languages Alive!

Out of the world's 7,000 languages, it is believed that half will be lost by the end of this century. Indeed, a language is being lost every 14 days at the moment. We'd love you to learn the little languages as well as the big ones, and keep these languages alive. Happy learning!





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Hello Africa

With over a billion people and 2,000 languages, Africa has a rich variety of greetings. Versions of Arabic are mainly used north of the Sahara Desert, and a huge variety of languages from different families are used to its south. There are fascinating languages to explore within the Sahara, too. Use this map to guide you through deserts, savannahs, jungles and cities, greeting people from all corners of this colourful continent.

Hello Ancient Egypt

Lift the flap to learn about Egyptian hieroglyphs



Hello Sahara

The Tuareg nomads of the Sahara Desert use a writing system called Tifinagh (ⵜⴰⵎⴰⵣⵉⵖⵜ).

اسلا عليكم

السلام عليكم

ⴰⵣⵓⵍ !

Bonjour

ألسّلام عليكم

السلام عليكم

Na nga def

I ni ce

Sannu

سلام

Kushe

Maakye

Bawo

Ushé-ushé

Kudal

ሰላም

Ma nabad baa?

Jam waali

Mbote

Muraho

Sopa

Olá

Hishani

Habari

!Gao

Sawubona

M'horo

Manao ahoanae

Halau

Dumela/ Lumela

Goeie dag

Molo

Dumela

Avuxeni

Hello West Africa

Few regions in the world have as many languages as West Africa. Nigeria alone is home to over 500 languages – more than all of Europe put together!

Ndeewo

"ndee-woo"

Igbo
18 million speakers

M sugh

"mm sugh"

Tiv
2.2 million speakers

LIFT THE FLAP TO EXPLORE TWO LESSER-KNOWN LANGUAGES

Seychellois Creole is the main language of the Seychelles. It is based on French, and hello is bonzour.

Hello Namibia

The sparsely populated country of Namibia has many languages, including Afrikaans, Khoekhoe and English. However, perhaps the most unusual is !Kung-Ekoka which uses a series of clicks when spoken. To say hello, click first and then say "Gao" – it's written "!Gao".

Hello South Africa

South Africa has 11 official languages and hundreds of other ones. Have a go at these three greetings: