

23 ways to say bye in German

Okay, how do you say bye in German? In this quick lesson (2-3 minute read), you'll learn the 23 ways – the words and phrases to use.

If you're a Beginner, this lesson is perfect for you. **Why do you get so many? Because you deserve it.** You should know ALL types of ways to have variety, sound fluent and be a better German speaker.

1. Bye or See Ya

- **Tschüss**

This is an informal way to say bye in German. Probably the most common one and if you remember JUST ONE thing from my lesson, remember this. If you care to know, it's a word that originated in the Northern part of Germany.

2. Ciao

- Ciao

Yes, like the Italian ciao. How did this make it into German? It was adopted from Italian of course! The difference is, you'll hear this in Southern Germany more than the North; closer to Italy, eh?

3. Goodbye

- Auf Wiedersehen

Literally, this means “until we see again.” This is a pretty, standard formal way to say bye in German.

4. Saying Bye in German (on the phone)

- Auf Wiederhören

Or you can skip the auf and be half formal and just say Wiederhören. Remember, this is how you say bye in German on the phone only.

5. Have a Good Weekend

- Schönes Wochenende!

Is it Friday (Freitag) and you want to wish someone a good weekend? Here's how. Schönes is good or beautiful. Wochenende is weekend. Easy enough!

6. See you next week!

- Bis nächste Woche!

Bis means until. Nächste means next. Woche means week.

7. Good night

- Gute Nacht.

Useful parting greeting when you're leaving someone at night. No, this is not a way to tuck someone into bed.

8. Have a nice day!

- Einen schönen Tag noch!

What's einen? A bit complex but... einen is used in front of a masculine noun that's the direct object of the sentence. It could be translated "a" or "the" but sometimes it does not need to be translated to English. Just needs to be in German... because grammar.

- schönen – beautiful/good
- Tag- day
- noch – more

9. Until tomorrow!

- Bis morgen!

Morgen means tomorrow and bis... you know that one right? No?

Well, let's review – it means: until. Simple, huh?

10. See you soon!

- Bis bald. (casual)
- Bis später!

Another variation of this can be “bye for now.” Obviously when you say this, you expect to see them soon.

- bald means soon
- später means later

11. See you later!

- Bis dann!

Yes, you can use Bis später here as well because as you learned in #9, später means later.

- dann means then but can be interpreted as later.

12. See you again soon

- bis bald wieder

Wieder means again here just so you know.

13. See you soon and best regards

- bis bald und viele grüße

Very formal and polite sounding phrase. It'd be best to use it in writing emails or letters. Nobody really says best regards in real life. Either way, useful!

14. See you soon my dear

- bis bald mein lieber

Another bis bald variation. Mein means my and lieber is dear. This is probably best left for family members and people that are very close.

15. until later, my sweetheart

- bis später mein schatz

Interesting variation, eh? Yep, please use it on your sweetheart(s) only. Although, it is outdated and not used by young people so... but you're more than welcome to use it, like you would in English.

- mein means my
- schatz means sweetheart

16. Good luck!

- Viel Glück!

Now, you're right – good luck doesn't isn't literally how you say bye in German. But, you do use it as a parting greeting in English right? Well, you can use it as a "bye" in German as well!

17. Farewell.

Leb wohl!

18. I'm looking forward to seeing you again soon

- Ich freue mich darauf, dich bald wiederzusehen.

A good phrase to know. We say it a lot in English and the same is for German.

19. We hope to meet you again

- Wir hoffen, dich wieder zu treffen

Of course, this is a unique phrase to use in special circumstances. Just another good way to say bye in German for you to know.

20. See You on Monday

- Bis Montag

So you know that “Bis” means until but what about other days? What if you wanted to say... see you on some other day? Like Friday? Just change Montag (Monday) with one of the days below.

- Monday – Montag
- Tuesday – Dienstag
- Wednesday – Mittwoch
- Thursday – Donnerstag
- Friday – Freitag
- Saturday – Samstag
- Sunday – Sonntag

21. All The Best

- Alles Gute

Obviously, this is a more formal way to say bye in German. And to remind you how easy German is... Alles is All and Gute, while sounding like good, is interpreted as best.

22. Goodbye (Bavarian/Austrian)

- Servus

Servus is a very flexible word and can also be used as “Hello.” But, it’s a regional word and you will only hear it in Bavaria and Austria.

23. Take care

- Machs gut

Machs means make and gut means good – so this literally means “make good.”

There’s more to come but that’s 23 ways to say bye in German for now!

So, take this lesson...

- *Review often: success comes from REPETITION*
- *Print it out to have physical study material (i do it all the time)*
- *Read out loud to practice speaking*

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