

Saying thanks

English has a wide variety of phrases for thanking other people. All the phrases given below can be used on their own: often, though, they are used in combination with one another. When they are used in combination, the additional phrases shown here usually come second. Example: "Thanks, I appreciate it."

1. General thanks	Additional phrases
<p>Thank you. Thanks. Many thanks. Thanks a lot. Thanks a million. Thank you very much.</p>	<p>I appreciate it. I appreciate your help. I appreciate your offer. Much obliged. That's very nice of you. That's very good of you. You've done me a big favour. You've done me a great service.</p>

4. Responding to an offer
<p>Yes, thanks. Thanks, I'd love some. No, thank you. Thanks for offering, but... Thanks, but...</p> <p><i>Note: "Thanks" on its own is interpreted as "yes".</i></p>

3. Informal thanks	Additional informal phrases
<p>Ta. (UK) Cheers. (UK) Thanks ever so much. Appreciate it. (US) Thanks a heap. (UK) Thanks a bunch. (US) Thanks a bundle. (US)</p>	<p>I owe you one. You're a gem. You're a treasure. (UK) You're a doll. (US)</p>

5. Responding to thanks
<p>You're welcome. You're very welcome. You're quite welcome. Don't mention it. My pleasure. It was my pleasure. Glad to help. Glad to be of assistance.</p>

2. Responding to a compliment	Additional phrases
<p>Thank you. Why, thank you!</p>	<p>You're very kind. How sweet of you. How sweet of you to say. That's very kind. That's very kind of you. That's very kind of you to say.</p>

6. Responding informally to thanks
<p>Sure. Any time. Sure, any time. Don't be silly.</p>