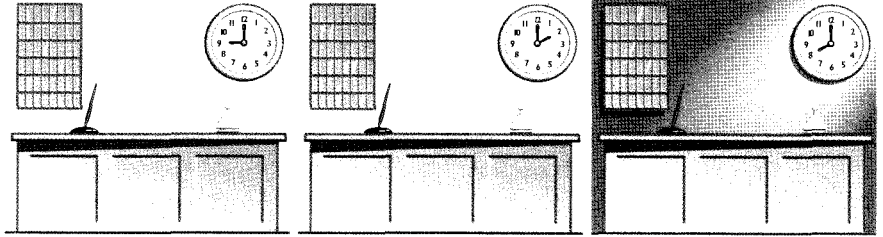


# 35 Greetings and other useful phrases

**A** Every day good morning good afternoon good evening

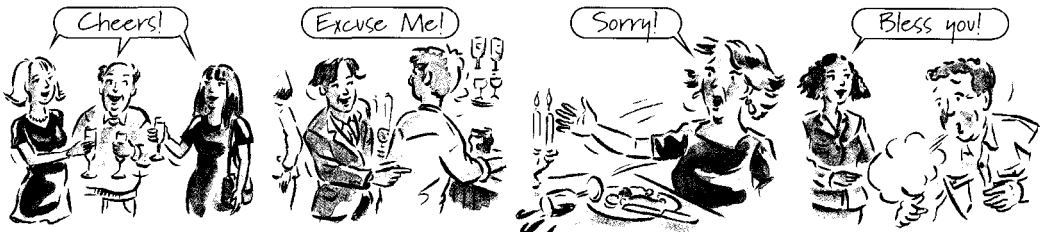


When we leave someone we usually both say **Goodbye** and perhaps, **See you soon!** **See you soon** is quite informal.

When someone goes to bed, we usually say **Goodnight**. We sometimes also say **Sleep well**. Don't say **Goodnight** when you arrive somewhere, only when you leave.

If you ask for something you usually say **Please**.

If someone does something nice for you, you say **Thank you**.



## Special days

When it is someone's birthday we say **Happy Birthday** [NOT ~~Congratulations~~].

On (or near to) the 25th December (Christmas Day) we say **Happy** or **Merry Christmas**.

On (or near to) the 1st January (New Year's Day) we say **Happy New Year**.

If someone is going to do something difficult (for example, take an exam or have an interview for a job) we say **Good luck!**

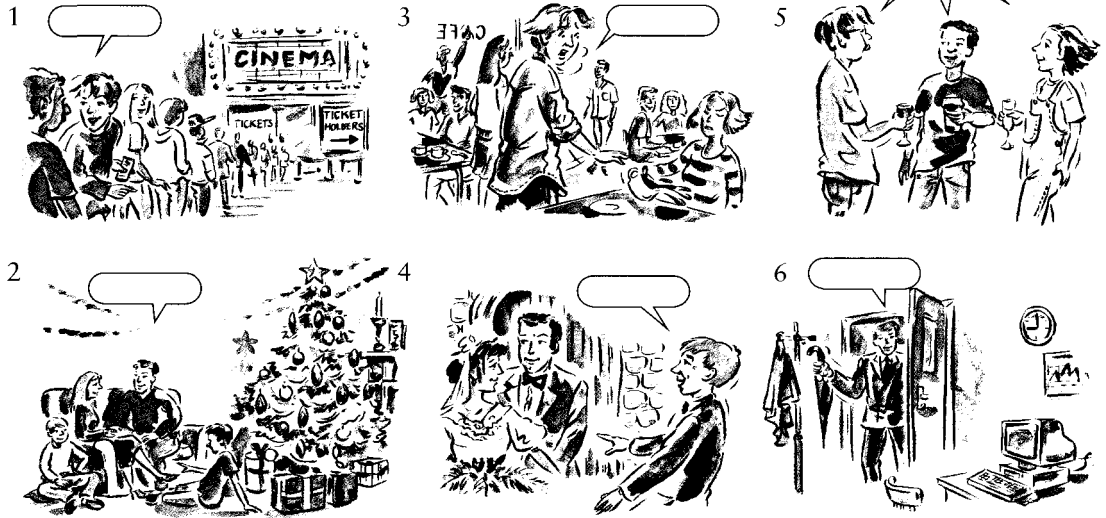
If someone has done something special (for example, done well in an exam, got a new job, had a baby) we say **Congratulations!** or **Well done!**

# Exercises

## 35.1 Choose one of the phrases from the opposite page to fit the dialogues.

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| 1 A: (sneezes) Atchoo!<br>B: .....                 | 5 A: It's my birthday today.<br>B: ..... |
| 2 A: I'm taking my driving test today.<br>B: ..... | 6 A: How are you?<br>B: .....            |
| 3 A: I passed my driving test!<br>B: .....         | 7 A: Hello!<br>B: .....                  |
| 4 A: Goodbye.<br>B: .....                          | 8 A: Here's your tea.<br>B: .....        |

## 35.2 What is the person saying in the pictures?



## 35.3 What do you say? Choose a phrase opposite.

- 1 You want to order a coffee. The waiter is reading the newspaper.
- 2 A friend buys you a drink.
- 3 A child says 'Goodnight' to you.
- 4 You answer the phone at work. It is 10.30 a.m.
- 5 You answer the phone at work. It is 3 p.m.
- 6 It is 2 a.m. on January 1st. You meet a friend on the street.
- 7 A friend spoke too quickly. You don't understand.
- 8 It is 24th December. You meet a friend on the bus.

## 35.4 Ann and Bill meet in a bar. Bill usually says the wrong thing. Correct his mistakes.

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| ANN: Good evening.                          | ANN: Would you like a drink? |
| BILL: Good day.                             | BILL: No, thank you. A coke. |
| ANN: How are you?                           | ANN: With ice?               |
| BILL: Terrible. I've got a bad cold and ... | BILL: No, please.            |
| ANN: It's my birthday today.                | ANN: Here you are. Cheers.   |
| BILL: Congratulations.                      | BILL: Bless you!             |

## 35.5 Write a conversation using as many as possible of the phrases from the opposite page.