

# Cultural Awareness: English sayings

A guide to common English sayings for International Nurses in the Community



## #1 Greetings

**Hello:** Alright, hi; hiya; howdy; hey; how are you; good morning/afternoon/evening; how you doing?; what's up?.

**Goodbye:** see you later; cheers; later; bye; bye bye; cheerio; ta ta; ta ra; gotta go; I'm off; catch you later; I'm out.

## #2 Saying thank you

thanks; cheers; ta; much obliged; nice one; I appreciate it; you're too kind; you shouldn't have; I owe you one.

## #3 Saying you're welcome

you bet; no worries; no problem; you've got it; pleasure; sure; anytime; not at all.

## #4 Various words

**Barmy/bonkers:** crazy

**Boot:** trunk of a car

**Bloke:** a man

**Botch job:** badly done job

**Brolly:** umbrella

**Chinwag:** a chat or gossip

**Chuffed:** very happy

**Knackered:** exhausted

**Cuppa:** a cup of tea

**Doddle:** easy

**Dodgy:** something not right

**Dog's dinner:** a mess

**Gobsmacked:** surprised  
**Gutted:** very disappointed

**Faff:** ineffectual activity

**Fluke:** chance/luck

**Cracking:** brilliant

**Mate:** friend

**Naff:** not cool

**Nick:** to steal

**Nicked:** to be arrested

**Posh:** something fancy

**Porkies:** lies

**Pub:** bar

**Rubbish:** something untrue or of poor quality

**Shambles:** a mess

**Skive:** to skip work or school

**Skint:** to be without money

**Slog:** a huge effort

**Strop:** a bad mood

**Take the mickey:** take advantage

**Tosh:** something that is untrue

**Whinge:** to moan

## #5 Money

moolah, bob, dosh, cash, bread, dough, gravy, cheese, cheddar, loot, wad.

**quid:** a pound

**five:** £5 note

**tenner:** £10 note

**grand:** £1000 or over



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