**THANK YOU and THANKS – How to thank someone in English**

We say “t**hank you”** or **“thanks**” to show that we are grateful for something.

In this English lesson learners are going to learn the following:

The different uses of "thank you" and "thanks" with examples.

A different way to thank someone in very informal speech.

How to use "thank you" as a noun with example sentences.

The English verb "thank" and how to use it.

2 common expressions ("thank God" and "thanks to")

Example:



Receptionist: Here is your key, Sir.

Dave: **Thank you**.

“**thanks**” is more informal than “**thank you**”



Joe: I prepared lunch for us. It’s ready.

Rose: **Thanks**.

If we are **very** grateful for something, we can say:

**Thank you** very much. ✓ **Thanks** very much.✓

**Thank you** so much. ✓ **Thanks** so much. ✓

**Thank you** a lot. × **Thanks** a lot. ✓

**Examples of use**

We say “**thank you**” or “**thanks**” when someone asks how we are.

**John**: Hi Jude. How are you?

**Jude**: Hello John, I’m good. **Thanks**.

We use “**thank you**” or “**thanks**” to reply to a compliment.



**Anne**: I like your new hairstyle.

**Belle**: **Thank you** very much.



**Mary**: I like your dress.

**Eve**: **Thanks**.

**Polite Refusals**

We say “**thank you**” or “**thanks**” to politely refuse something.



**Jake:** Another piece of pizza?

**Joey**: No **thanks**, I’ve eaten too much already.



**Tom**: We’re going out for lunch. Do you want to join us?

**Ryan**: No, **thank you**.

**Very Informal Speech**

In very informal language we can say “**cheers**”

Example:

Robert has not finished his project that’s due the next day so;

**James**: If you need a hand, tell me.

**Robert**: **Cheers**!

**ING form**

To say thank you for an action from the past or present, we use this structure:

“**thank you**”

or + **for** + **ING** **form**

“**thanks**”

Examples:

**Thank you for taking** me to school.



**Thanks for liking** my fb page.

**“thank you” as a noun**

We can also use **thank you** as a noun.

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**Principal:** I would like to give a big **thank you** to the faculty and staff for the job well done.

**“thank” as a verb**

We can also use “**thank**” as a verb.

I **thank** my friends for coming by.

Dan **thanked** his cousin for giving him a lift yesterday.

**Common expression (1)**

**“**thank God**”**

We say “**thank God**” to express relief about something.

We say “**thank God**” when we are pleased that something happened that we were worried about.

We have lost everything during the hurricane, but **thank God** we are safe.

I lost my wallet along the way, thank God I found it.

At last, the semester is over! Thank God.

**Common expression (2)**

**“thanks to” + noun phrase**

**“thanks to”** means **“because of”**

It is common in written English.

My daughter is doing well in English subject, **thanks to** the effort of the teacher.

**Thanks to** my parents who supported me, I am a doctor now.

So, there we are that’s the end of this lesson, hope you enjoyed it.

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Love to hear from you. Thank you very much.