

Helpful Phrases 1

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Thank you

- 谢谢 Xièxiè
- 谢谢你/您 Xièxiè nǐ/nín
- 多谢 Duōxiè {thanks a lot; thank you much}
- 谢了 Xièle **colloquial, casual*
- 感谢 Gǎnxiè {expresses appreciation}
- 感谢您/您 Gǎnxiè nǐ/nín

You're welcome

- 不客气 Bù kèqì
- 不用谢 Bùyòng xiè {no need to thank}
- 不用客气 Bùyòng kèqì {no need to thank/be polite}
- 别客气 Bié kèqì {no need to thank}
- 没事儿 Méishèr {no problem} **colloquial*
- 没关系 Méi guān xi {no problem}
- 不麻烦 Bù máfan {it's no trouble}
- 不谢 Bù xiè {no problem} **colloquial*
- 没问题 Méi wèntí {no problem}
- 别别别 Bié bié bié {literally, "no, no, no," or "oh it's nothing! No need to thank me."} **colloquial*
- 行了 Xíngle {sure thing} **colloquial*

No, thank you (turning something down politely)

- 不用，谢谢 Bùyòng, xièxiè
- 不要，谢谢 Bùyào, xièxiè **colloquial, less polite*



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(I'm) sorry

- 对不起 Duìbùqǐ
- 不好意思 Bù hǎoyìsi {Excuse me, sorry, pardon me;
a mild way of saying sorry}
- 抱歉 Bàoqiàn {expresses a deeper feeling of sorry or remorse} **formal*

That's okay

- 没关系 Méiguānxi
- 没事 Méishì
- 没问题 Méi wèntí {no problem}
- 无所谓 Wúsuǒwèi {No matter, no worries; in some context can mean "whatever" or "I don't care"} **colloquial*
- 没什么 Méishénme {it's nothing}
- 没什么大不了的 Méishénme dàbùliǎo de {it's not big deal} **casual*

Please wait

- (请) 等一下 (Qǐng) děng yīxià
- 稍等 Shāo děng **colloquial*
- 等等 (我) Děng děng **colloquial, less polite; use with friends*

