

WELCOMING WORDS

"One of the great steps towards universal peace would be the establishment of a universal language ... Thus it would be needful to know two languages only, the mother tongue and the universal speech." —'Abdu'l-Bahá

Did you know there are more than 6,000 languages in the world? Our languages show humanity's amazing diversity. It's fun to meet people from different cultures and learn about their ways of life. But if you can't understand each other, it can be hard to become friends and share ideas.

Bahá'u'lláh, the Prophet-Founder of the Bahá'í

Faith, had a solution to this problem. He wrote that we need a universal language—one that everyone learns, in addition to their native tongue. Then we could all communicate easily.

Until we find a universal language, learning foreign languages is a great way to bridge the communication gap. Even a simple, friendly greeting in someone's native language can make them feel welcome.

Find these words that mean "Welcome!" in different languages. Look forwards and backwards, horizontally, vertically, and diagonally.

AHLAN WA SAHLAN (Arabic)

BONVENO (Esperanto)

KARIBU (Swahili)

SELAMAT DATANG (Malay)

BEM-VINDO (Portuguese)

DOBRO POZHALOVAT (Russian)

KHOSH AMADID (Persian)

TERVETULOA (Finnish)

BIENVENIDOS (Spanish)

E K'AABO (Yoruba)

MABUHAY (Tagalog)

WILLKOMMEN (German)

BIENVENUE (French)

HUAN YING (Mandarin)

SWAGAT (Hindi)

YATAHAY (Navajo)

Welcome to One Earth International Airport

K	G	O	E	N	K	U	X	I	U	P	Z	S	A	W
A	A	N	J	K	I	E	N	C	W	T	W	O	H	T
R	G	E	H	S	A	Y	I	I	P	A	M	D	L	E
I	W	V	V	H	A	A	L	Y	G	C	P	I	A	R
B	Y	N	E	H	A	L	B	A	M	Q	I	N	N	V
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D	O	B	R	O	P	O	Z	H	A	L	O	V	A	T
T	A	V	M	G	N	I	Y	N	A	U	H	N	S	U
M	V	M	M	Y	A	T	A	H	A	Y	I	E	A	L
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G	N	A	T	A	D	T	A	M	A	L	E	S	H	S
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