

## Goodbyes

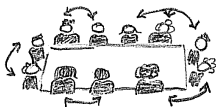
**Let's get started:** How do you say "goodbye" in your native language? How many times per day do you say "goodbye" in English and in your native language?

**Quote:**

"Why can't we get all the people together in the world that we really like and then just stay together? I guess that wouldn't work. Someone would leave. Someone always leaves. Then we would have to say good-bye. I hate good-byes. I know what I need. I need more hellos." Charles M. Schulz









What do you think of Charles' thoughts on goodbye?



**Discuss in pairs or groups of three.**

What are some of the very important goodbyes in your life? Think about . . . family. . . moving . . . friends . . . school . . .

**Interview** 3 people about how they say "goodbye". Write down their names. Ask them, "Do you say goodbye and \_\_\_\_\_?" Use one of the words from the grid below. And then write their answers for each box. Ask them to explain.

Name	Frown? 	Wave? 	Kiss? (1, 2 or 3 times) 	Cry? 	Hug? 	Smile? 

Please demonstrate different ways that **you** say goodbye.

A **Minnesota goodbye** is like this:

1. Say goodbye in the hallway of your house
2. Open the door and say goodbye again
3. Walk with your friend out to the car or sidewalk and say goodbye
4. Say goodbye as your friend drives or walks away

When is the right time for a short goodbye?

When is the right time for a long goodbye?

Tell about goodbyes that are . . .

. . . . . happy

. . . . . sad

. . . . . strange

. . . . . a surprise

. . . . . expected for a long time

In your native culture, do people “bless” each other when they say goodbye?

In English, blessings sometimes start like this:

“May . . .” (eg. May the grass never grow beneath your feet.)

“May God . . .” (eg. May God bless you and your family.)

“Wishing you . . .” (eg. Wishing you a wonderful trip and wonderful year!)

Here’s a well-known Irish blessing:



May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind always be at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.