

25+ Norwegian phrases to get you going

		[Pronunciation]	Greetings		[Pronunciation]
1	en	<i>en</i>	Hello / Hi	God dag / Hei	<i>goo daag / hey</i>
2	to	<i>too</i>	Good morning	God morgen	<i>goo morn</i>
3	tre	<i>tre'</i>	Good afternoon	God dag	<i>goo daag</i>
4	fire	<i>feera</i>	Good evening	God kveld	<i>goo kfell</i>
5	fem	<i>fem</i>	Goodnight (when retiring)	God natt	<i>goo nutt</i>
			Meeting		
6	seks	<i>sex</i>	How are you? (formal/informal)	Hvordan står det til? / Hvordan går det?	<i>voor-dahn stor de' teel / voor-dahn gor de'</i>
7	sju / syv*	<i>shoo / seev</i>	Fine, thanks. And you?	Fint, takk. Og deg? (To >1 person: Og dere?)	<i>fint, tukk. oh dy (oh dare-a)</i>
8	åtte	<i>otta</i>	My name is ...	Jeg heter ...	<i>yI hetter...</i>
9	ni	<i>nee</i>	Pleased to meet you	Gleder meg	<i>gley-der my</i>
10	ti	<i>tee</i>	Goodbye	Ha det (bra)	<i>haa de' (braa)</i>
			Pleasantries		
11	elleve	<i>elva</i>	Please	[no real equivalent]	
12	tolv	<i>tol</i>	Thank you (very much)	(Tusen) takk	<i>(tooss'n) tukk</i>
13	tretten	<i>tret'n</i>	I'd like... / Please can I have...	Kan jeg få ha...	<i>kan yI for haa...</i>
14	fjorten	<i>fyor-t'n</i>	Excuse me! (to get attention)	Unnskyld!	<i>oon-shill</i>
15	femten	<i>fem-t'n</i>	I'm sorry / Excuse me	Unnskyld	<i>oon-shill</i>
			Problems		
16	seksten	<i>sy-st'n</i>	I don't understand	Jeg forstår ikke	<i>yI for-shtor ikka</i>
17	sytten	<i>suh-t'n</i>	I don't speak much Norwegian	Jeg snakker bare litt norsk	<i>yI snakka bar-a litt noshk</i>
18	atten	<i>ut-t'n</i>	Do you speak English?	Snakker du engelsk?	<i>snakka doo eng-elsk</i>
19	nitten	<i>nit-t'n</i>	Help!	Hjelp!	<i>yelp</i>
20	tjue / tyve*	<i>tyoo-er / teeva</i>	Go away!	Vekk med deg!	<i>vekk med dy</i>
			Signs, &c.		
21	tjue-en	<i>tyoo-er-en</i>	Danger	Fare	<i>far-er</i>
22	tjueto	<i>tyoo-er-too</i>	Push / Pull	Skyv / Trekk	<i>sheev / trekk</i>
23	tjuetre	<i>tyoo-er-tre'</i>	Yes / No / Maybe	Ja / Nei / Kanskje	<i>yaa / ny / kansha</i>
24	tjuefire	<i>tyoo-er-feera</i>	Gents / Ladies / Toilets	Herre- / Dame- / toalettet	<i>herra / daama / twa-letta</i>
25	tjuefem	<i>tyoo-er-fem</i>	Left / Right	Venstre / Høyre	<i>ven-stra / huy-ra</i>
			Cultural requirements		
30	tretti	<i>tretti</i>	Here you are (when handing something over) / Go ahead / Please do / You're welcome	Vær så god	<i>vashagoo</i>
40	førti	<i>fur-ti</i>			
50	femti	<i>femti</i>			
100	hundre	<i>hoon-dra</i>	Thanks for the meal	Takk for maten	<i>tukk for maa-t'n</i>
1000	tusen	<i>tooss'n</i>	Just a moment / Please wait	Et øyeblikk	<i>et er-yer-blikk</i>

* Seven/twenty: There are two different words for each of these numbers, and they are used pretty well interchangeably, although *syv* and *tyve* are of Danish origin and therefore a tad old-fashioned. There's also an alternative word for thirty, *tredve*, but that's slightly less common. And then there are all the dialectal forms, but we won't go there...

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