

English – Useful Phrases and Questions

See you later. / See you next week. / See you soon. / See you tomorrow.
Sleep well.
Have a nice trip. / Have a good weekend.
I'm sorry.
Do you mind? No, I don't. / I don't mind.
It's not my thing.
That's OK. / No problem. / It doesn't matter. / Never mind. / Don't worry.
Be careful.
Good idea. / Sounds good.
Can you help me? / Can you give me a hand?
Do you need help? / Can I help you? / Can I give you a hand?
That's right.
Sorry, I'm late.
I don't understand. / I don't know. / I have a question.
Are you sure? / Yes, I'm sure. / I'm not sure.
Sure. / Of course.
No idea.
Just a moment, please. / Wait a minute. / One minute please. / Hold on.
I think so. / I guess so.
I think not. / I guess not.
Excuse me.
Me too. / Me neither.
Come on! / Let's go! / Hurry up!
After you.
What's the time?
What's the date?
Nice to meet you. / Nice to meet you, too.
Nice to see you.
Achoo! Bless you!
It's worth it. / It's not worth it.
No way! / I can't believe it. / I don't believe it. / You're joking!
Without fail.
God willing.
Thank God!
It's up to you.
Just in case.
By the way,

Just for a change.
Did it work out? / It worked out. / It didn't work out.
As always.
Make yourself at home.
Not yet.
You are very kind.
No rush.

Useful phrases to use at work:

- See you later.
- Don't worry.
- Good idea.
- That's right.
- Sorry I'm late.
- Excuse me.
- Take your time.
- Of course.
- I think so.
- Without fail.
- Do you mind?
- Are you sure?
- Where were we?
- So far, so good!
- It's up to you.
- By the way
- Sounds good!
- Do you know what I mean? / Do you understand?
- It doesn't matter.
- I appreciate it. (= Thank you (formal))
- What time is our meeting?
- Please call me back later.
- When is the deadline?

Recommended video:

“As 23 frases mais belas da língua inglesa”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owl3fk3IONo>

(13 mins)

Here is a list of many useful phrases:

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| Pode ser. | All right / OK / Fine with me / That's OK / That's alright |
| Pois é. | Absolutely / Indeed / Yeah |
| Pois não? | Can I help you? |
| Ou seja | In other words |
| Sou eu! | It's me! |
| É ele. | It's him. |
| Será que? | I wonder if |
| Tanto faz. | Whatever (USA) / I don't mind (UK) / It doesn't matter. |
| Nem pense! | Don't even think about it! |
| É isso aí! | Right on! |
| Resta um. | (There is) one left. |
| Nem um pouco. | Not even a little. / Not at all. |
| De jeito nenhum! | No way! |
| Fique à vontade. | Make yourself at home. |
| Se não me engano. | If I'm not mistaken. |
| Você está enganado. | You are mistaken. |
| Ele conseguiu! | He did it! |
| Ele conseguiu? | Did he do it? |
| Eu estou com vontade. | I'm in the mood. |
| Estou a fim de ... | I feel like ... |
| Está em dia. | It's up-to-date. |
| Por mim tudo bem. | For me, no problem. |
| Levei um susto. | I got a shock. |
| O tempo voa. | Time flies. |
| Você que manda. | You're the boss. |
| Para que serve isso? | What's this for? |
| Isso não serve para nada! | This is good for nothing! |
| Isso serve? | Will this do? |
| Deu certo! | It worked out! |
| Não deu certo. | It didn't work out. |
| Deu certo? | Did it work out? |
| Nem pense ... quanto mais ... | Don't even ... let alone ... |
| Eu topo! | I'm in! / Count me in! |
| Fulano, Ciclano e Beltrano | Tom, Dick and Harry |
| Você que sabe. | It's your choice. / It's up to you. / You decide. |
| E daí? | So what? / So? |
| Combinado! | Deal! / It's a deal! |
| Pode deixar. | Sure thing! / Let it be. |
| Deixe comigo. | Leave it with me. |
| Se vira! | Live with it! / Get on with it! |
| Ainda hoje! | Today! / Until the end of the day. |
| Só para variar. | Just for a change. |
| Por assim dizer. | So to speak. |
| Por sorte, ... | Luckily, ... |
| Faço questão. | I insist. |
| Deixe para lá! | Never mind! / Forget about it! |
| Quem dera! | I wish! |

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| Como sempre. | As always. |
| Agora mesmo. | Right now. / Right away. |
| Te peguei! | Gotcha! (Origin – “I got you”) |
| Aos poucos. | Little by little. |
| E assim por diante. | And so on. |
| No máximo até ... | No later than ... |
| Só que não! | Not! |
| Cada vez melhor. | Better and better. |
| Cada vez mais. | More and more. |
| De vez em quando. | Now and then. |
| Já era. | That's it, then. |
| sem querer | by accident / accidentally |
| de propósito | on purpose |
| sem dúvida | without a doubt / no doubt |
| Quanto mais melhor. | The more, the better. |
| Vale a pena. | It's worth it. |
| Você arrasou! | You nailed it! / You rocked! / You kicked ass! |
| Por mais que ... | However much ... |
| Por menos que ... | However little ... |
| Que pena. | What a pity. |
| Ouviu falar ... ? | Have you heard about ... ? |
| Se Deus quiser. | God willing. |
| Eu tive um branco. | I went blank. |
| Caiu a ficha. | The penny has dropped. / I got it. |
| a propósito | by the way |
| como se for | as if ... |
| qualquer um dos dois | either one |
| nenhum dos dois | neither one |
| de vez | once and for all / for good |
| Não me leve a mal. | Don't get me wrong. / No hard feelings. |
| Ainda bem. | It's a good job. / It's just as well. |
| Disponha! | At your service! |
| Pelo amor de Deus! | For God's sake! |
| Pelo contrário. | On the contrary. |
| Fique frio. | Chill out. / Stay cool. |
| Pode apostar. | You bet. |
| Mandar a real. | Keep it real. |
| Vai lá. | Go for it. |
| Nunca se sabe. | You never know. |
| Melhores. | Get better soon. |
| Meus pêsames. | My condolences. |
| Sinto muito por você. | I feel sorry for you. |
| Menos mal. | It could have been worse. |
| Por acaso ... | By chance ... |

Exercise. Translate these expressions.

- Pode ser. _____
- Pois é. _____
- Pois não? _____
- Será que? _____
- Tanto faz. _____
- De jeito nenhum. _____
- Se não me engano. _____
- Você está enganado. _____
- Ele conseguiu! _____
- Ele conseguiu? _____
- Está em dia. _____
- Por mim tudo bem. _____
- Você que manda. _____
- Para que serve isso? _____
- Deu certo! _____
- Não deu certo. _____
- Deu certo? _____
- Você que sabe. _____
- Combinado! _____
- Pode deixar. _____
- Ainda hoje! _____
- Faço questão. _____
- Como sempre. _____
- Agora mesmo. _____
- Aos poucos. _____
- No máximo até ... _____
- De vez em quando. _____
- sem dúvida _____
- Vale a pena. _____
- Que pena. _____
- a propósito _____
- Pelo contrário. _____