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Explanations

Asking for a
description
and replying

What's George like? He's very friendly.
What's Cairo like? It's a big city.
What does Tina look like? She's tall and she's got long hair.

Asking for
directions

Where's (the bus station)? (informal)
Excuse me, do you know the way to (the bus station)? (formal)
Excuse me, could you tell me the way (to the bus station)?

Giving
directions

Go down this street and turn left/right. It's at the end of this street.
It's on the left/on the right.
It's opposite/next to (the supermarket).

Making excuses

I'm sorry I'm late.
I'm sorry I'm late, but (I missed the bus).

Saying goodbye

Bye!
Bye for now!
See you tomorrow.

Greeting
and replying
to greetings

Reply
How do you do? (formal)

Asking and
replying
about health

Greeting
How do you do? Hello, how are you?
Reply
Fine, thanks. And you? (informal)
I'm all right, thanks. Not so good.
I feel fine/great/awful, etc.

Question
How are you?
How do you feel?