GREETINGS

You'll often hear **hola**, hello, followed by other greetings. However, in Spanish, the parts of the day don't exactly match those in English.

Any time before lunchtime use:

¡Buenos días!  Good morning, afternoon!

Note that it's **buenos**, not **buenas**, as **día** is a masculine word.

el día  the day

From lunchtime until sunset use:

¡Buenas tardes!  Good afternoon, evening!

Once it's dark, and whether you're saying hello or goodbye, this is the greeting:

¡Buenas noches!  Good evening, night!

You may also hear any of them shortened:

¡Buenas!  Morning! Afternoon! ...