

Let's Teach thank you

THANK YOU!

This social phrase is used all the time to express gratitude for something. Children start to understand and use this phrase around 1-2 years of age. We use the phrase **THANK YOU** many times throughout the day with family, friends, and strangers we encounter in the community. Remember we can also say “No **THANK YOU**” to refuse something politely.



FIND

Find the word in the vocabulary. **THANK YOU** is an interjection. If you can't find **THANK YOU**, use the Word Finder or Find Word feature to learn where it is. Learn more about how your language system is organized with these guides.

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INTRODUCE

Use **THANK YOU** in context and try to explain it at the learner's level. Modeling, touching the word in the vocabulary as you say it, may help. Here's an example: “**THANK YOU** is a phrase we say when we appreciate something.”



MODEL

Model the word throughout the day, touching **THANK YOU** in the vocabulary anytime you say it.

“**THANK YOU** for this.”

“Did you say **THANK YOU**?”

“I need to make a **THANK YOU** card.”

“Always say **THANK YOU** before you leave.”

“**THANK YOU** for the kind words.”



ENCOURAGE

Create activities to provide lots of models and practice with **LIKE**.

Book: Bear Says **THANK YOU** by Michael Dahl.

Snack: Instead of saying “No”, say “No **THANK YOU**.”

Activity: Make a **THANK YOU** card for someone.



EXPECT

Create opportunities for the learner to say **THANK YOU**. Make sure to wait and look at them so they know it is expected.

After being given something, practice saying “**THANK YOU**.”

