

Morten's Web Site

The List of Cheers !

Here is a list of how to say "Cheers !" in 66 languages. The list is compiled by me, [Morten Larsen](#), who had a very pleasant time compiling it since it involved both [fine beer](#) and [good wine](#) in order to learn all the languages. I started compiling the list in 1991. You should try to memorise the list. You never know when you will need to say "Cheers !" in another language.

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Language	Cheers !	Pronunciation	Source
Albanian	Gëzuar	Géshuar	N
Arabic	Fisehatak (*)	Fiseh'atak	3
	Shucram (United Arab Emirates)	?	3
Armenian	Genatsoot ("Life")	Gen-ots-it	3
Azerbaijani	?	Sorlèchrian	N
	Afiyæt oslun	?	W
Bahasa (Indonesia)	Pro	Pro	3
Baluchi (Iran)	Vashi	Vashi	N
Basque (Spain, France)	On egin	On egín	N
	Topa	?	W
Bulgarian	Na zdrave (*)	Na zdrave	NS
Catalan (Spain)	Salut	Salut	NS
	Txin txin	?	N
	Sant Hilari, Sant Hilari, fill de puta qui no se l'acabi ("Son of a bitch the one that does not finish the cup", vulgar)	?	N
Chinese (Cantonese)	Yung sing ("drink and win")	Yung sing	N
	Gom bui ("dry the cup")	Gom bui	N
Chinese (Mandarin)	Gan bei ("dry the cup")	Gan bei	NS
Croatian	Zivjeli (write a small v above the Z)	?	W
Czech	Na zdraví (*)	Na zdravi	NS
Danish	Skål	Skål	NDS
Dutch (Flemish)	Proost	Prowst	NS
	Gezondheid (*)	Rhe'sondheid	NS
Egyptian	Bisochtak	Bi'sochtak	N
English	Cheers	Cheers	NDS
	Cheerio (UK)	Cheerio	N
	Here's mud in your eye (UK,	Here's mud in your eye	N

	vulgar)(expr. may be from Bible, John 9:1-41) Bottoms up (USA) Down the hatch (vulgar) Hey howdy (Arizona, informal)	Bottoms up Down the hatch Hey howdy	N N N
Esperanto (constructed)	Je via sano (*) Toston ("I propose) a toast")	YEH VEE-ah SAH-no Tóston	3S 3
Estonian	(Teie) terviseks (*)	'Terviseks	N
Faroese	Skál	Skol	N
Finnish	Kippis Terveysterveksi (formal) (*)	'Kippis ?	NS NS
French	(À votre) santé (*) À la votre (response "And to yours")	A votr songté A la votr	NDS W
Frisian (Netherlands)	Tsjoch	'tsjo' like 'cho' in 'chocolate', 'ch' like 'j' in Spanish 'Jose', except that 'o' should be more closed like in German or Danish	NS
Gaelic (Ireland)	Sláinte (*)	Slorntche	NS
Gaelic (Scotland)	Slaandjivaa (*) Slainte mhoiz	? ?	3 W
Galician (Spain)	Saúde	?	W
Georgian	Vakhtanguri	Vakh-tahn-GOO-ree ('akh' like Bach)	3
German	Prost (beer) Zum Wohl (wine) (*) Hau weg den Scheiss (vulgar)	Proost Tsum vool .	NS NS N
Greek	Stin ijiasas Jamás	Stin i'jiasas ?	D 3
Greenlandic	Kassutta ("Let our glasses meet") Imeqatigiitta ("Let's drink together")	'Gasss-udda ?	N N
Hawaiian	Okole maluna	Å'kâlè ma'luna	N
Hebrew	L'chaim ("To life")	Lè'khayim	NS
Hungarian	Egészségedre (sing.) (*) Egészségetekre (plur.) (*)	'Eh-geyss-shey-geh-dreh 'Eh-geyss-shey-geh-tek-reh	3 3
Icelandic	Skál	Skawl	N
Interlingua (constructed)	A vostre sanitate (*) A vostre salute	A 'vostre sani'tate ?	3 W
Italian	Cin cin (formal) Salute (informal)	Tjin Tjin Sa'lutè	NS NDS
Japanese	Kampai	Kampai	3D
Kikuyu (Kenya)	Rathima andu atene	Rathima andu atene	3
Korean	Chukbae	'Chukbae	N
Latin	Sanitas bona (*) Bene tibi	? ?	W W
Latvian	Uz veselību	Uz vese'libu	N
Lebanese	Kesak (sing.) Keskun (plur.)	Kesak Keskun	N N

Lithuanian	I sueikata	I sueikata	N
Maltese	Cheers	Cheers	N
	Aviva (old fashioned)	A'viva	N
Norwegian	Skål	Skål	NS
Persian (Iran)	(Be) salam ati (*)	Bè salam ati	NS
	Nush ("Enjoy it, and let it be part of your body")	Nush	NS
Polish	Na zdrowie (*)	Na zdrowie	NDS
Portuguese	Saude (*)	Sauth	NS
	Tchim-tchim	?	W
	Saúde (Brazil)(*)	?	W
	Tim-tim (Brazil)	?	W
Rhaeto-Romanic (Switzerland)	Viva	?	3
Romanian	Noroc ("Good luck")	Noroc	NDS
Russian	Na zdorovje (*)	Na zda'rovye	NS
Scottish	Here's tae ye	Here's tae ye	N
Serbian	Zivio	Zivio	N
	Ziveli	?	W
Slovak	Na zdravie (*)	Na zdre'vie	NS
Slovenian	Na zdravje (*)	?	W
Somalian	Auguryo	A-u'gurrjo	N
South African (Afrikaans)	Gesondheid (*)	Rhe'sondheid	NS
Spanish	Salud	Salud	NDS
	Chin chin	?	3
	Arriba, abajo, al centro, para adentro ("Up, down, center, inside", vulgar)	...padentro	3
Swedish	Skål	Skål	NS
Tagalog (Philippines)	Mabuhay ("Long life")	Ma'buhay	NS
Thai	Choc-tee	?	3
Turkish	Serefe (write cedille under S) ("To honor")	Scherefe	NDS
	Sagligina (sing.) (write bars over g's, remove dots over i's) (*)	?	N
	Sagliginiza (plur. or polite) (*)	?	N
Urdu (Pakistan)	Djam	Djam	N
Vietnamese	Chia	Gia	N
	Can chén (write dot under a) (North V.N.)	Can jén	D
	Can ly (write dot under a) (South V.N.)	Can li	D
Welsh	Iechyd da	Iechyd da	3
Yiddish	Mazel tov	?	3
	Lechaym	?	W

The toasts marked with (*) can be translated as "To your health" or "To health".

An apostrophe in the pronunciation denotes that the following syllable should be emphasized.

Sources of information: N = Native speaker, 3 = Through 3rd person (i.e. non-native speaker), W = Found on web (most likely incorrect), D = Found by me in dictionary, S = Spelling confirmed.

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