



## Lesson 1: How to Say "Thank You!" in Norwegian

Takk.

### LESSON NOTES

Wherever your destination may be, manners are a must! And in this respect, Norway is no different. So in our very first lesson, we'll be teaching you a simple phrase that is bound to come in handy throughout your trip to Norway. I can't stress this enough: a little bit of language can go a long way!

In Norwegian, "Thank you," is Takk. Let's break it down by syllable: takk. You can emphasize takk by adding mange in front, which literally means, "a lot." You could say mange takk, which would be equivalent to, "Thanks a lot," a more polite expression than just takk. Again: Mange takk. Let's break it down by syllable mang-e takk.

In Norwegian, there are other ways to express one's gratitude but they are all variations using takk, which is a verb, and adding other expressions like the adverb "thousand," can make the expression very formal like, "Thank you very much." There will be occasions where you will really want to show your appreciation and politeness. During occasions such as these you can use the number tusen and repeat it before adding takk. "Thank you very much" in Norwegian is tusen takk. Let's break it down by syllable: Tus-en takk. The number tusen "thousand(s)," is used to make the phrase very formal. This is followed by takk, which literally means something like "(A) Thousand(s) of thanks."

### PHRASES

Norwegian	English
Takk.	Thank you.
Mange takk.	Thanks a lot.
Tusen takk.	Thank you very much.

### VOCABULARY

Norwegian	English
mange	many
tusen	thousand (1,000)

### QUICK TIP

By far, tusen takk is the most common way to say "Thank you." There is no rule for when to use which expression, yet the formal way of saying "Thank you" always ensures that the person is satisfied with your words of gratitude. If you want to express immense gratitude, adding expressions like inmari ("incredibly"), så mye ("so much"), or kjempemye ("terrible much"), between tusen and takk will make for expressing your feelings. Remember, when in doubt, keeping it simple is always your safest bet. You don't have to worry about formal or informal situations. Takk can be used with just about anyone, anywhere, and anytime. You say takk when the waiter brings your food or drinks, when the clerk in the hotel takes your luggage to your room (of course, throwing in a tip won't hurt either!), and when somebody welcomes you or congratulates you. No matter his/her profession or age, takk or tusen takk will always be an appropriate response.

### QUICK TIP 2

Saying mange takk does not necessarily mean "thanks a lot." If you say it with a slight decline in intonation and a shake of your head, it implies a "no" in a humble manner. This expression is usually used when you have eaten and become full and do not want to be served more food. It can also be used to decline offers from people, like door salesmen. Remember that when saying mange takk as "no thanks," shaking your head is vital to the expression.