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## Lesson 2: Say "You're Welcome" in Norwegian Velbekomme.

### LESSON NOTES

In this lesson, we'll continue to learn more phrases that will help you with basic etiquette. Norwegians are very hospitable. They use phrases of gratitude quite often. Even though you may not get the chance to use Velbekomme (the phrase for "You're welcome") during your trip to Norway, there's a very good chance you'll hear it. So let's have a closer look at it!

In Norwegian, "You're welcome" is Velbekomme. The word velbekomme means, "You're welcome."

You can also respond to someone who has thanked you by using another expression. It is Det var da så lite, which means, "It wasn't very much."

Så lite literary means, "so little/small." Det var da ("It was then") is a conjunct expression and is used in only a few Norwegian expressions with little significance on its own. Det var da så lite literary becomes, "It was then so little."

When giving a thing the expression vær så god ("Here you are"), is more than often used and repeated as a way of saying "You're welcome" when the receiving person says "Thank you." Literary, it means, "be so good." Vær så god.

Of the expressions we have seen, please keep in mind that we can use velbekomme and Det var da så lite in any situation, formal or informal, while velbekomme tends to show up in more formal occasions along with vær så god when giving a present or any object.

### PHRASES

Norwegian	English
Velbekomme.	You're welcome.
Det var da så lite.	It wasn't very much.
Vær så god.	Here you are.

### VOCABULARY

Norwegian	English
var	was
god	good

**Norwegian**

lite

**English**

little

**QUICK TIP**

The word velbekomme is more often used when saying "You're welcome" after having served a meal to guests, they have eaten, and are leaving the table with a takk for maten ("Thank you for the food"). In fact, the chance of you hearing velbekomme in that context while travelling in Norway is much higher than in any other situation.

**QUICK TIP 2**

The word Det ("the") is the most common word in Norwegian; it is used more frequently than any other word in the Norwegian language. A funny sentence that can easily be made with the word is Det var det det var, which means, "That's what it was." Like a revelation has come to you. And as you can notice det is used three times and var ("was"), two.