



Lesson 1: Thank You!

Tack.

LESSON NOTES

Today's Survival Phrases will come in handy in all situations. You could also use them on any person you are talking to; to a clerk, a waiter, a boss, the police. Did you know that the Swedes are some of the most thankful people? We thank people a lot and you will probably receive a smile if you thank someone in Swedish.

When at a store or restaurant the most common way to thank someone is with the short "tack". This literally means "thank you".

A longer way to thank someone would be "tack så mycket". You would use this if you get several compliments in a row or when someone has done something you are very grateful for. If you stay with a host family they would be both surprised and be very happy if use the phrase "tack så mycket" while thanking them for their hospitality. "Så mycket" means "so much" so you're actually saying "thanks so much".

You could use "tackar", equivalent to the English "thanks", at any time too. It would be appropriate in all situations. There are no words that are taboo in any situation, so don't be afraid to use "tackar" or "tack".

PHRASES

Swedish	English
tack så mycket.	thank you very much
tack snälla ni.	thank you very much, how kind of you

VOCABULARY

Swedish	English
tack.	thank you
tackar.	thanks

QUICK TIP

To bring your gratitude to the next level, try this next Survival Phrase. “Tack snälla ni” means “thank you very much, how kind of you (plural)”. This expression implies that you are so grateful that you would do anything in return for what has been done for you. One of my favorite Survival Phrases!

QUICK TIP 2

Choosing which 'thank you' to use is an individual choice. Some Swedes always say “tack så mycket” or “tackar” rather than “tack”. Meaning remains the same.