



Lesson 2: You're Welcome

Var så god

LESSON NOTES

Swedish for "you're welcome", is "var så god". This Survival Phrase is appropriate at all times, and can be said to anyone, from a lowly janitor to His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf. This can also be used as a phrase equivalent to "here you go" when handing someone something. "Var så" means "be so" and "god" means "good" or "kind" so "Var så god" literally means "be so kind".

The next phrase "inga problem" is exactly like the English "no problem" and is used the same way. When someone thanks you and you can say "inga problem" to show that it was your pleasure and that you wanted to do this thing for this person.

- "Var så god" Here you are (giving the person something).
- "Tack så mycket!" Thank you!
- "Inga problem" No problem.

PHRASES

Swedish	English
var så god	you're welcome, here you go, literally "be so kind"
inga problem	no problem
det var inget	it was nothing

QUICK TIP

If you are very modest about what you've done you can say "det var inget" which means "it was nothing." Add an "äsch" on that which is a softening sound to sound extra polite.

QUICK TIP 2

Our first phrase "Var så god" is used in response to the phrase "Thank you." which in Swedish is "Tack."

You might use this when someone says "tack" after you give them a gift. You can use "var så god" before the person thanks you.

The nuance of the phrase "inga problem" is more like the giver has done something quite kind and the level of appreciation is higher.

Person 1: (Hands person 2 a gift of chocolates) Var så god.

Person 2: (Receives chocolates) Tack.

Person 1: Inga problem.