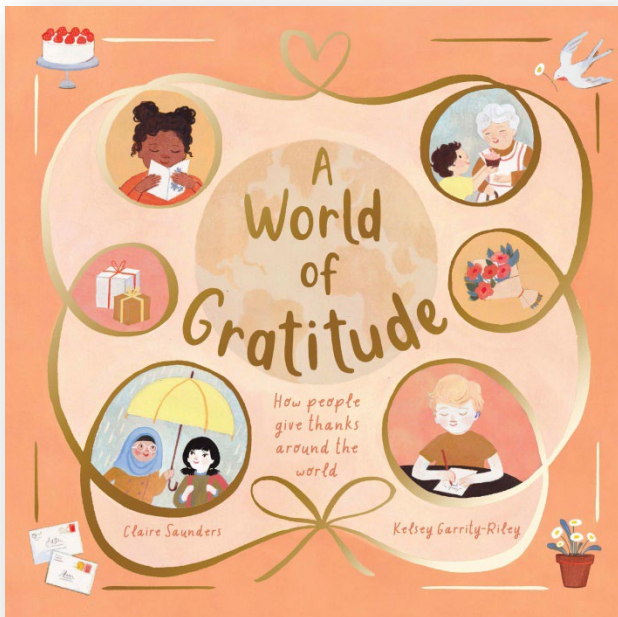


# A WORLD OF GRATITUDE

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Take a journey around the world and discover how different cultures and communities show gratitude.



- How to say “thank you” in over 50 different languages.
- Insights into customs, traditions, and history around the world.
- Gratitude tips, exercises, and reminders.
- Inviting art aptly reflects the diversity of the subject.
- The perfect thank-you gift!

## How to say... Thank You in Asia

Asia is the largest of all the continents. About two-thirds of all the people on the planet live here—some in tiny villages, others in bustling megacities that are home to tens of millions of people. There are about 2,800 different languages spoken in Asia.

In China, tea drinkers tap their fingers on the table every time their cup is filled. This is to show gratitude to the person pouring their tea.

Mamnoon (mam-NOON)  
PERSIAN  
Spoken in Iran

Toda (toh-DAR)  
HEBREW  
Spoken in Israel

Gamsa kamnida (GAM-sah ham-NEE-da)  
KOREAN  
Spoken in North and South Korea

Xie xie (syeh-syeh)  
MANDARIN  
Spoken in China

Dkanyavaad (DRUN-yuh-vaad)  
HINDI  
Spoken in India

Khop khun khup (if you are male)  
Khop khun ka (if you are female)  
(kob-khun krup / kob-khun ka)  
THAI  
Spoken in Thailand

Arigato (ah-ree-GAR-toh)  
JAPANESE  
Spoken in Japan

Salamat (sa-LAH-mah)  
TAGALOG  
Spoken in the Philippines

Terima kasih (te-RI-ma KA-see)  
INDONESIAN  
Spoken in Indonesia

## Gratitude Facts and Customs

Not everyone shows gratitude the same way. A custom that's polite in one country might seem strange in another. Here are some different ways people show thanks around the world.

Did you know that in some countries, it's polite to NOT say thank you? In China, India, and many other places, it's just assumed that people will do things for each other: if you help someone, one day they will return the favor and help you too! This means there's often no need to say thank you, especially to friends and family. In fact, thanking someone you're close to can be a bit rude, since it's seen as formal and unfriendly.



If you are given a gift, how do you show your gratitude? In some countries, such as Australia and the United States, most people say “thank you” or write a thank you note. But that's not usual in many parts of Asia and Africa. There, if a person is given a gift, they often show their appreciation by giving a gift in return.

Many cultures and religions around the world give thanks for their food before or after they eat. In Japan, it's common to start a meal with the word “itadakimasu.” This expression gives thanks to all the living things involved in making the meal: from the plants and animals which provide the food, to the workers who harvested the crops, and the person who cooked. At the end of the meal, people say thank you once again with the words “Gochisousama desita.”



Next time you eat something—whether it's an egg, an apple, or a potato chip—think about all the people, animals, or plants that have been involved in its journey from the farm to your plate. That's a lot to be grateful for!

Tipping is a way of thanking people who have provided a helpful service, such as taxi drivers and waitstaff. In the US, tipping is very common. But other countries tip much less, and some don't tip at all.



Imagine you've just eaten a delicious meal. How do you show your appreciation? In China, letting out a loud burp at the end of a meal was traditionally seen as a compliment to the chef. In Japan, it's sleeping that shows appreciation. Eating noodles with lots of noisy slurping sounds shows that you're really enjoying them.



# Additional Information

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*Examines cultural diversity through an interactive text.*

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