

I'd Better Get Going: 4 Natural Ways to End a Conversation

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Study task: Listen again and notice the expressions you studied.

1

I should let you go

DEF

A polite way to end a conversation while showing consideration for the other person's time.

It is not literally about permission. It gently signals that the conversation is ending, especially on a friendly phone call.

I know you have an early meeting, so I should let you go.

It's been lovely talking, but I should let you go.

2

I'd better get going

DEF

A natural way to say that you need to leave or finish the conversation now.

The full form is "I had better get going". It creates a clear transition towards leaving without necessarily sounding urgent.

I'd better get going; my train leaves in twenty minutes.

It's getting late, so I'd better get going.

3

Let's catch up soon

DEF

A warm suggestion that you talk again and share news in the near future.

It can express a general friendly intention rather than a fixed plan. Add a specific day if you genuinely want to arrange the next conversation.

I'd better go, but let's catch up soon.

Let's catch up soon. Are you free next Tuesday?

4

It was good talking to you

DEF

A warm closing line after an enjoyable or useful conversation.

The past tense treats the conversation as almost complete and helps signal a natural ending. A common reply is "You too".

It was good talking to you. Give my regards to your family.

"It was good talking to you." "You too."



5

I won't keep you

DEF

A polite way to say that you will not take any more of someone's time.

It is considerate and useful when the other person is busy. It can introduce the final goodbye without sounding abrupt.

I know you're busy, so I won't keep you.

I won't keep you any longer. Thanks for your help.

6

I should get back to it

DEF

A natural way to say that you need to return to your work or previous activity.

"It" refers to a task already understood from the context. The expression gives a practical reason to end the conversation.

This was a nice break, but I should get back to it.

I should get back to it before the deadline.

7

Let's do this again soon

DEF

A friendly suggestion to repeat an enjoyable meeting or conversation.

"This" refers to the shared activity. Like "Let's catch up soon", it sounds warmer and more reliable when followed by a concrete plan.

I had a great time. Let's do this again soon.

Let's do this again soon—how about next Friday?

8

Take care

DEF

A warm, common goodbye that expresses goodwill and concern for the other person.

It works in friendly speech and messages. It is warmer than a neutral "goodbye" but does not require a long emotional farewell.

Thanks for calling. Take care!

Take care, and have a safe journey home.

9

I'll be in touch

DEF

A promise or intention to contact someone again.

It is useful in friendly and professional contexts. If action matters, make it specific by saying when or how you will contact the person.

I'll be in touch when I have the final details.

Thanks for the meeting. I'll be in touch next week.

