



The common way of saying good morning and afternoon on the Chinese mainland are 早上好 (zǎo shàng hǎo) and 下午好 (xià wǔ hǎo).

People often just say 早 (zǎo) when greeting others in the morning.

Greetings in Chinese

大家好 (dà jiā hǎo)
Hello everybody

大 (dà)
Big

家 (jiā)
Home
Family

大家 (dà jiā)
Everybody
(Literally : Big Family)

好 (hǎo)
Good

晚安 wǎn ān)
Good night

晚上 (wǎn shàng) / 晚 (wǎn)
Night

早安 (zǎo ān) / 早上好 (zǎo shàng hǎo)
Good Morning

好 (zǎo)
Good

早上 (zǎo shàng) / 早 (zǎo)
Morning

安 (ān)
Well

午安 (wǔ ān / 下午好 (xià wǔ hǎo)
Good afternoon

下午 (xià wǔ)
Afternoon

午 (wǔ) / 中午 (zhōng wǔ)
Afternoon



If you are typing Chinese on a computer and want to say 早上好 (zǎo shàng hǎo) you just need to type 'Z' 'S' 'H'. This method works with many other common phrases



上 (shàng) means 'on' so 上午 (shàng wǔ) means on or after noon : afternoon
下 (xià) means 'under' or 'before' so 下午 (xià wǔ) Means before noon : late afternoon
中 (zhōng) means 'middle' So mid afternoon is 中午 (zhōng wǔ)