

sanskrit salutations

blessings

चिरं जीवतु

ciram jivatu

Live long [sg.]

आयुष्मान् एधि

āyusmān ēdhi

Be long-lived [m. sg.]

आयुष्मती भव

āyusmatī bhava

Be long-lived [f. sg.]

Different forms are required for singular, dual, and plural addressees, and similarly for masculine and feminine addressees. The verbs here (*ēdhi* and *bhava*) are equivalent; Sanskrit just doesn't like having two vowels next to each other.

exchanging news

अपि (सर्वं) कुशलम्

api (sarvam) kuśalam

Is [everything] well?

An initial *api* makes the sentence a yes-or-no question.

(सर्वं) कुशलम्

(sarvam) kuśalam

[Everything] is well.

अप्यारोग्यम्

apy ārogyam

Are [you] healthy?

आरोग्यम्

ārogyam

[Yes, I'm] healthy.

का (ते, युवयोः, वो) वार्ता

kā (tē, yuvayōḥ, vō) vārtā

What's the news (with you [sg.], with you [du.], with you [pl.]?)

न कापि (वार्ता)

na kāpi (vārtā)

No (news)

taking leave

You can always say *namaskārah*, *namas tē*, or a variant thereof. Otherwise:

अनुज्ञापयामि

anujñāpayāmi

I take my leave

पुनर्दर्शनाय

punardarśanāya

Till we meet again

