

Congratulations!

Focus expressions

DANISH

Tillykke
Tillykke med fødselsdagen
Tillykke med dagen
Tillykke med ham
Tillykke med hende
Tillykke med de flotte resultater

Tak
Tak skal du have
Tusind tak
Tak for de flotte blomster
Tak for gaven

Hvor gammel bliver du?
Jeg fylder 5 år i morgen.
Det spørger man ikke en dame om.
Jeg fylder 25 hvert år.

ENGLISH

Congratulations
Congratulations on your birthday
Congratulations on 'the day'
Congratulations with him
Congratulations with her
Congratulations on the great results

Thanks
Thank you
'One thousand thanks'
Thank you for the pretty flowers
Thank you for the present

How old will you be?
I will be 5 years old tomorrow.
You don't ask a lady that question.
I become 25 years old every year.

Challenge

How old are they? And when is their birthday?

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14-tirsdag 67-søndag 45-lørdag 32-fredag 27-onsdag 51-mandag 60-torsdag

Pronunciation highlights

Chokoladeskildpadde d is soft and sounds like 'th' in this. / **d** is not pronounced
Fødselsdagen **d** is not pronounced
Værsågod! All letters are pronounced.
Værsgo! This is the short and most common version, where **å** and **d** are omitted.

'Værsågod' means 'here you are' as said when handing something to somebody. It consists of the words: 'Vær' 'så' 'god'. Literally this translates to: 'Be so good/kind'. You can understand this expression as a short version of: 'Be so good/kind to accept this thing, that I am giving to you.'

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Dialogue

Louise Tillykke med fødselsdagen!

Johannes Tak. Det er jo egentlig først på fredag.

Louise Ja, men det er i dag vi fejrer dig. Og ved du hvad? Du ligner altså ikke en på fyrre.

Johannes Hvad ligner jeg så?

Louise Hmm, lad mig se. Du ligner en der er på vej til Paris om tre dage.

Johannes Og du ligner en der er tørstig. Hvad må jeg byde på?

Louise Hvad har du?

Johannes Du kan få et glas champagne eller et glas hyldeblomstsaft.

Louise Så tror jeg... jeg vil bede om begge dele.

Johannes Ellers andet?

Louise Øj! Må jeg også tage en af dem her?

Johannes Du må tage dem alle sammen.

Louise Det bliver nok lige i overkanten. I hvert fald hvis jeg skal kunne være i min kjole på fredag. Mmm, jeg elsker chokoladeskildpadder. Jeg tror ikke jeg har fået sådan en siden jeg var barn. Jeg har også noget til dig. Værsgod!

Johannes Værsgo! Din champagne, så bytter vi lige.

Louise Okay.

- He opens his present. -

Johannes Åårh, hvor lækkert! Det skulle du altså ikke have gjort. Det er alt for flot.

Learn, remember and use it forever!

First... Create flash cards! A flash card is a piece of cardboard with Danish on one side and English on the other. Or you can download the free software Anki, and make electronic flash cards. The program will space your repetitions for you according to how well you have learned each card. Download Anki: <http://ichi2.net/anki/>

It's fine to make cards with single words, just make sure also to do one card for each whole phrase. This is important.

Then... Flip through your flash cards many times a week. Preferably every day.

And finally... Use these expressions whenever you have the chance. Never mind if you are having a conversation in English. Just go ahead and speak your Danish phrases! People will love you for it. Trust me!