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USEFUL PHRASES

TERM	PIDGIN	ENGLISH	MOTU	ENGLISH
Greeting	Moning	Good morning	Daba namona	Good morning
	Avinun	Good afternoon	Dina namona	Good day
	Gutnait	Good night	Adorahi namona	Good afternoon
	Yu orait?	How are you?	Hanuaboi namona Oi namo?	Good evening How are you?
Response to greeting	Mi orait tasol	I am fine	(Lau) namoherea	I am fine
Appreciation	Tenk yu tru	Thanks very much	Tanikiu bada herea	Thanks very much
Farewell	Lukim yu bihain	See you later	Bamahutu	See you later

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

English, Tok Pisin, Hiri Motu

VIDEOS

<https://www.spc.int/tok-pasifika>

OTHER LANGUAGES

- > 839 indigenous languages



LANGUAGE FACT

One of the official languages of Papua New Guinea, Hiri Motu, is a simplified version of the Motu language that was formed during the Hiri trade expeditions between Motu people. The once widely used language of the 1960s is now less spoken as English and Tok Pisin has taken over.

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LANGUAGE SERVICE PROVIDERS

<https://www.spc.int/tok-pasifika/registry>

A registry of language service providers for Pacific Islands' languages is available by clicking here or scanning the QR code.



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