**du, Sie & ihr**  
the different forms of “you” in German

**du**  
(informal)

Use when talking to:  
1 person (singular)

Use with:

- close friends.
- family members.
- Children
- animals/pets

These adults use the informal with each other:

- adults who know one another well (friends/family)
- blue collar co-workers (manual labor)
- those of equal rank in the military or police force

**Sie (formal)**

Use when talking to:  
1 person (singular)  OR  more than 1 person (plural)

Use with:

- **adults**
- not close friends/family
- shopkeepers, neighbors, etc.
- people in authority (bosses, teachers, etc.)
- someone you would address with only their last names (using Herr or Frau)

These adults use the formal with each other:

- adults who have just met/don't know each other well
- white collar co-workers (offices, etc.)
- those of unequal rank in the military or police force

**this usually starts at mid-adolescence (high school)**
10 Indicate whether you would use *du* or *Sie* in the following situations. Write in your answers.

1. Brothers and sisters address each other with _____________.
2. Two adults are being introduced to each other. Both address each other with _____________.
3. Among each other, young people use _____________.
4. Children talking to their uncle would address him with _____________.
5. Military comrades address each other with _____________.
6. Adult acquaintances address each other with _____________.
7. Friends call each other _____________.
8. People talking to animals use _____________.
9. Adults talking to children use _____________.
10. Most colleagues in an office use _____________.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>du (informal, singular)</th>
<th>Sie (formal, singular or plural)</th>
<th>ihr (informal, plural)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tag, Hallo, Hi, etc.</td>
<td>Guten Tag!</td>
<td>Tag, Hallo, Hi, etc.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wie heißt du?</td>
<td>Wie heißt ___ _____?</td>
<td>Wie heißt ___ _____?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wie geht’s?</td>
<td>Wie geht ___ _____________?</td>
<td>Wie geht ___ _______?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Woher kommst du?</td>
<td>Woher komm___ _____?</td>
<td>Woher komm___ _______?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wie alt bist du?</td>
<td>Wie alt ____ ____?</td>
<td>Wie alt ____ ____?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wo wohnst du?</td>
<td>Wo wohn___ _____?</td>
<td>Wo wohn___ ____?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kennst du Fabian?</td>
<td>Kenn___ _____ Fabian?</td>
<td>Kenn___ _____ Fabian?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tschüs, Tschau, etc.</td>
<td>Auf Wiedersehen!</td>
<td>Tschüs, Tschau, etc.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Heißt du Katrin?</td>
<td>Heiß___ _____ Herr Schubert?</td>
<td>Heiß___ _____ Marco &amp; Petra?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wohnst du hier?</td>
<td>Wohn___ _____ hier?</td>
<td>Wohn___ _____ hier?</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>