

Lesson number one!! (basic terms..)

I've also added the Greek letters in parenthesis, although not that sure that you may all read them... give it some time! Hopefully it's a good first way to get familiarized with the Greek letters.. Good luck!

"Hello" = "yàsu" ("γεια σου")

"How are you"? = "Ti kànis"? (Greek: "Τι κάνεις?")

And if we are talking to more than one persons, or in courtesy, one says:
"How are you"? But in Greek: "Ti kànete"? ("Τι κάνετε?")

"Fine, thank you"! = "Kalà, efcharisto"! ("Καλά, ευχαριστώ")

"Thank you"! = "Efharisto"! ("Ευχαριστώ")
"You're welcome"! = "Parakalo"! ("Παρακαλώ!")

Now, you have all heard the word "yàsu" and "yàmas" ..I guess...
The base of these two words is the same, and it is the word health in Greek which is «υγεία» ("eyia").

Which means, that when we greet someone, by saying "yasu" we wish them good health!
We use the words "yasu" and "yamas" a lot also as "cheers"
(I guess you all remember that, even in the peak of the winter;-)

When we use these terms, "ya-su" and "ya-mas", again we are wishing good health!!
"Ya su" is the term used towards one person (when we want to say: cheers to you)
And "ya mas" is when we want to say "cheers to us"
(That is made more clear, knowing that "su" means "your" and "mas" means "our", so in the 1st case we say "cheers to your health" whereas in the 2nd case we literally say "cheers to our health/ to us"...))

Not to get any more complicated for the first lesson,
Let's finish with
"Goodnight" = "kalinichta" (καληνύχτα) = gute Nacht!! = Buonanotte!

As at the beginning every language seems more difficult, perhaps you'd like to use the online pronunciation tool at http://www.oddcast.com/home/demos/tts/tts_example.php?sitepal

You may copy and paste there the Greek word, and it will pronounce it correctly!