

Learn Turkish with Huseyin Kocaturk: A Beginner's Guide

Introduction – Why Learn Turkish?

Turkish is spoken by over 85 million people, primarily in Turkey, Cyprus, and parts of Europe and Central Asia. As a language rich in history and culture, Turkish is the gateway to understanding the vibrant traditions, literature, and people of Turkey.

Whether you want to travel to Turkey, expand your career opportunities, or simply learn a new language, this guide will help you start with basic words, useful phrases, and pronunciation tips.



The Turkish Alphabet and Pronunciation

Turkish uses the Latin alphabet, but with some unique letters. Unlike English, Turkish pronunciation is phonetic, meaning words are pronounced as they are written.

Unique Turkish Letters:

- Ç, Ş → "ch" as in chess, "sh" as in sheep
- Ğ → Silent but lengthens the preceding vowel
- Ö, Ü → Similar to German/French sounds, "ö" like in fur, "ü" like in über
- I, İ → Turkish has two "I" letters: ı (without a dot, sounds like "uh") and i (with a dot, sounds like "ee")

Basic Turkish

Greetings and

Common Expressions

Knowing common greetings is the first step in learning any language. Here are some essential phrases:

- Merhaba – Hello
- Günaydın – Good morning
- İyi akşamlar – Good evening
- Hoş geldiniz – Welcome
- Nasılsınız? – How are you? (formal)
- Ben iyiyim, teşekkür ederim. – I'm fine, thank you.
- Lütfen – Please
- Teşekkür ederim. – Thank you.
- Görüşürüz. – See you later.

Useful Turkish Phrases for Travel

Hesap lütfen

The bill, please.

Bu çok güzel

This is very nice!

Şunu alabilir miyim?

Can I take this?

Burası çok güzel bir yer.

This is a very beautiful place.

Havaalanına nasıl gidebilirim?

How can I get to the airport?

Bir taksi çağırabilir misiniz?

Can you call a taxi?

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