

WRITING ESSAYS & REPORTS IN TURKISH

Agenda

WRITING ESSAYS AND REPORTS IN TURKISH
REQUIRES A CLEAR STRUCTURE, LOGICAL
ARGUMENTATION, AND PROPER USE OF
CONNECTORS.

THIS GUIDE WILL HELP YOU:

- ✓ ORGANIZE YOUR IDEAS EFFECTIVELY
- ✓ USE PROPER TRANSITION WORDS & FORMAL EXPRESSIONS
- ✓ AVOID COMMON WRITING MISTAKES

STRUCTURE OF A TURKISH ESSAY

A well-written essay follows this format:

- 1** *Giriş (Introduction) → Present your main idea (Ana fikir)*
- 2** *Gelişme (Body Paragraphs) → Support your thesis with arguments & examples*
- 3** *Sonuç (Conclusion) → Summarize & provide a final thought*

Useful Turkish Connectors & Transition Words

◆ FOR INTRODUCING AN ARGUMENT:

- ✓ ÖNCELİKLE – FIRSTLY
- ✓ HER ŞEYDEN ÖNCE – BEFORE EVERYTHING ELSE

◆ FOR GIVING EXAMPLES:

- ✓ ÖRNEĞİN – FOR EXAMPLE
- ✓ MESELA – FOR INSTANCE

◆ FOR CONTRASTING IDEAS:

- ✓ ANCAK / FAKAT – HOWEVER
- ✓ ÖTE YANDAN – ON THE OTHER HAND

◆ FOR CONCLUSIONS:

- ✓ SONUÇ OLARAK – IN CONCLUSION
- ✓ ÖZETLEMELİK GEREKİRSE – TO SUMMARIZE

📌 EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

ÖRNEĞİN, ŞEHİRDE YAŞAMAK DAHA FAZLA İŞ FIRSATI SUNARKEN, KIRSAL ALANLAR DAHA HUZURLU BİR YAŞAM SAĞLAR.

(FOR EXAMPLE, LIVING IN THE CITY OFFERS MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES, WHILE RURAL AREAS PROVIDE A MORE PEACEFUL LIFE.)

Common Writing Mistakes to Avoid

🚫 **MISTAKE #1: MIXING FORMAL & INFORMAL LANGUAGE**

✓ WHY IT'S A PROBLEM:

TURKISH HAS FORMAL (RESMI) AND INFORMAL (GÜNLÜK) REGISTERS, AND MIXING THEM IN AN ESSAY MAKES WRITING SOUND UNNATURAL AND INCONSISTENT.

✓ HOW TO FIX IT:

✓ USE FORMAL EXPRESSIONS INSTEAD OF CONVERSATIONAL ONES.

✓ AVOID SLANG OR COLLOQUIAL WORDS (KANKA, AYNEN, FALAN).

✓ USE "SİZ" INSTEAD OF "SEN" IN ACADEMIC OR BUSINESS WRITING.

📌 EXAMPLE:

✗ BU KONUYU ANLATMAYA ÇALIŞACAĞIM ÇÜNKÜ ÇOK ÖNEMLİ. (CASUAL)

✓ BU KONU ELE ALINACAKTIR ÇÜNKÜ OLDUKÇA ÖNEMLİDİR. (FORMAL)

Common Writing Mistakes to Avoid

❌ **MISTAKE #2: OVERUSING SHORT SENTENCES**

✓ WHY IT'S A PROBLEM:

SHORT, CHOPPY SENTENCES MAKE WRITING SOUND UNNATURAL AND SIMPLISTIC. ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL TURKISH WRITING PREFERS COMPLEX SENTENCE STRUCTURES WITH TRANSITION WORDS.

✓ HOW TO FIX IT:

✓ COMBINE SHORT SENTENCES USING TRANSITION WORDS (ÇÜNKÜ, AYRICA, DOLAYISIYLA, BU YÜZDEN).

✓ USE RELATIVE CLAUSES TO EXPAND SENTENCES.

📌 EXAMPLE:

✗ İNTERNET ÇOK YAYGIN. ÇOĞU KİŞİ KULLANIYOR. HAYATIMIZI DEĞİŞTİRDİ. (TOO SHORT)

✓ İNTERNET, ÇOĞU KİŞİNİN KULLANDIĞI VE HAYATIMIZI ÖNEMLİ ÖLÇÜDE DEĞİŞTİREN BİR TEKNOLOJİDİR. (MORE NATURAL)

Common Writing Mistakes to Avoid

🚫 **MISTAKE #3: FORGETTING CASE SUFFIXES (-I, -E, -DEN, ETC.)**

✓ WHY IT'S A PROBLEM:

TURKISH USES CASE SUFFIXES INSTEAD OF PREPOSITIONS (LIKE "TO" OR "FROM" IN ENGLISH). OMITTING THEM LEADS TO UNCLEAR SENTENCES.

✓ HOW TO FIX IT:

✓ LEARN THE SIX TURKISH CASES:

- 1 -I (ACCUSATIVE CASE) → KITABI OKUDUM. (I READ THE BOOK.)
- 2 -E (DATIVE CASE) → ARKADAŞIMA MESAJ YAZDIM. (I TEXTED MY FRIEND.)
- 3 -DE (LOCATIVE CASE) → EVDEYİM. (I'M AT HOME.)
- 4 -DEN (ABLATIVE CASE) → İSTANBUL'DAN GELDİM. (I CAME FROM ISTANBUL.)
- 5 -İLE (INSTRUMENTAL CASE) → KALEMLE YAZIYORUM. (I'M WRITING WITH A PEN.)
- 6 -İN (GENITIVE CASE) → ALI'NİN ARABASI VAR. (ALI HAS A CAR.)

📌 EXAMPLE:

✗ BU KİTAP ÇOK GÜZEL, DÜN KÜTÜPHANE ALDIM. (WRONG)


✓ BU KİTAP ÇOK GÜZEL, DÜN KÜTÜPHANEDEN ALDIM. (CORRECT)

✓ TIP: READ TURKISH NEWSPAPERS, ACADEMIC ARTICLES, AND ESSAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR FORMAL WRITING SKILLS!

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KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR BETTER TURKISH WRITING:

- ✓ USE A CLEAR STRUCTURE (INTRODUCTION, BODY, CONCLUSION)
- ✓ AVOID COMMON MISTAKES LIKE MIXING FORMAL/INFORMAL LANGUAGE, OVERUSING SHORT SENTENCES, AND FORGETTING CASE SUFFIXES
- ✓ PRACTICE USING CONNECTORS TO CREATE SMOOTH, LOGICAL ARGUMENTS
- ✓ READ TURKISH ESSAYS, REPORTS, AND NEWSPAPERS TO LEARN FORMAL EXPRESSIONS

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