

# **HUSEYİN KOCATURK'S BASIC TURKISH TUTOR GUIDE**

# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this basic Turkish language guide. I'm Huseyin Kocaturk, a Turkish language tutor, and I have put together this free resource to help beginners start their journey with Turkish. This guide covers only the fundamentals—greetings, simple grammar rules, essential vocabulary, and basic conversation patterns. While this content is not comprehensive or polished like paid courses, it serves as an accessible starting point for anyone looking to learn Turkish.

# TURKISH BASICS: GREETINGS AND COMMON PHRASES

Learning a few common greetings and expressions is the first step toward everyday communication in Turkish. Here are some essential phrases:

- Merhaba – Hello
- Hoşça kal – Goodbye (when you are leaving)
- Görüşürüz – See you later
- Lütfen – Please
- Teşekkür ederim – Thank you
- Nasılsın? – How are you?
- İyiyim, teşekkürler. – I'm fine, thank you

# VOWELS, CONSONANTS, AND SENTENCE STRUCTURE

Turkish grammar is known for its vowel harmony and agglutinative structure. In this section, you'll learn a few simple concepts:

- Vowels and Consonants:
- Turkish has eight vowels (a, e, ı, i, o, ö, u, ü) and a set of consonants that are mostly similar to English.
- Word Order:
- The typical sentence structure is Subject-Object-Verb. For example, “Ben kitap okuyorum” translates as “I book am reading” (I am reading a book).
- Suffixes:
- Turkish uses suffixes to express grammatical relationships. For instance, to indicate possession, add the appropriate suffix: “ev” (house) becomes “evim” (my house)

# ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY



Building your vocabulary is essential. Start with everyday words that will help you form simple sentences:

- Ev – House
- Okul – School
- Yemek – Food/Meal
- Arkadaş – Friend
- Araba – Car
- Su – Water
- Kitap – Book

Try using these words in short sentences, like “Benim evim büyük” (My house is big) or “Arkadaşım var” (I have a friend).



Practice is key to language learning. Here's a sample dialogue to help you get started with basic Turkish conversation:

Dialogue Example:

- Kişi A: Merhaba, nasılsın?
- Kişi B: İyiyim, teşekkür ederim. Sen nasılsın?
- Kişi A: Ben de iyiyim. Adın ne?
- Kişi B: Benim adım [Adınız]. Senin adın ne?
- Kişi A: Benim adım [Adınız]. Tanıştığımıza memnun oldum.



# SIMPLE CONVERSATION PRACTICE



# CONCLUSION

This guide offers a simple, free introduction to the Turkish language, covering the basics of greetings, grammar, vocabulary, and conversation. Although this content is minimal and unpolished, it is designed to serve as a starting point for your Turkish language journey. As you become more comfortable, consider exploring additional resources or more advanced lessons to further develop your skills.

