

# **HUSEYIN KOCATURK'S UNPAID TURKISH PRIMER**

# BASIC GRAMMAR ESSENTIALS

Turkish grammar may seem challenging at first, but starting with the basics will help you build confidence:

- Word Order:
- Turkish generally follows a Subject-Object-Verb order. For example:
  - Ben elma yiyorum.
  - (I apple am eating. → I am eating an apple.)
- Vowel Harmony:
- Turkish words adapt their vowels to create a smooth sound. For example, the suffix for possession varies:
  - ev (house) becomes evim (my house).
- Simple Suffixes:
- Many Turkish meanings are expressed with suffixes. A basic example is the plural suffix:
  - kitap (book) becomes kitaplar (books).

# KEY VOCABULARY FOR EVERYDAY USE

Build your Turkish vocabulary with these everyday words. Try to memorize and use them in your own sentences:

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

# BASIC CONVERSATION EXAMPLE

Dialogue Example:

- Kişi A: Merhaba, nasılsın?
- (Hello, how are you?)
- Kişi B: İyiyim, teşekkür ederim. Sen nasılsın?
- (I'm good, thank you. And you?)
- Kişi A: Ben de iyiyim. Adın ne?
- (I'm good too. What's your name?)
- Kişi B: Benim adım [Adınız]. Senin adın ne?
- (My name is [Your Name]. What's your name?)
- Kişi A: Benim adım [Adınız]. Tanıştığımıza memnun oldum.
- (My name is [Your Name]. Nice to meet you.)

# PRACTICE TIPS AND NEXT STEPS



- Daily Repetition:
- Spend 10–15 minutes each day practicing greetings, vocabulary, and simple sentences.
- Listening Practice:
- Listen to Turkish music or short videos to become accustomed to the sound and pace of the language.
- Build on Basics:
- Use this primer as a foundation. As you get comfortable, look for additional resources or online lessons to expand your knowledge.
- Write Simple Sentences:
- Start keeping a journal in Turkish, even if it's only a few sentences a day. This practice reinforces what you learn.



This unpaid Turkish primer by Huseyin Kocaturk provides a basic, no-cost introduction to the Turkish language. It covers essential greetings, simple grammar, key vocabulary, and a sample conversation to help you get started. While this resource is intentionally minimal, it serves as a stepping stone toward developing more advanced language skills.

Keep practicing, and enjoy your journey into Turkish!

A close-up photograph of a map of Turkey. A red pushpin is stuck into the map, its point resting on the word 'TÜRKİYE' (Turkey). Other visible text on the map includes 'Samsun', 'GEORGIA', 'Konya', 'IRAK', and 'Jerusalem'. The map is partially obscured by a dark red rectangular overlay on the right side.

# CONCLUSION