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Turkish QuickChat

Pronouncing Turkish is pretty simple for English speakers and it uses sounds that are very similar to the ones you already use. You'll hear some variation in pronunciation in different parts of Turkey, but this guide is based on standard pronunciation so you'll be understood wherever you go. In larger cities and tourist areas you'll probably find someone who speaks English, but a few hints will help you comprehend signs, schedules and menus.

QUESTION WORDS

How?	Nasil?	na-seel
What?	Ne?	ne
When?	Ne zaman?	ne za-man
Where?	Nerede?	ne-re-de
Who?	Kim?	keem

CONVERSATION & ESSENTIALS

Hello	Merhaba	mer-ha-ba
Goodbye	Hoşçakal (person leaving)	hosh-cha-kal
	Güle güle (person staying)	gew-le gew-le
Yes	Evet	e-vet
No	Hayır	ha-yuhr
Please	Lütfen	lew-t-fen
Thank you	Teşekkür ederim	te-shek-kewr e-de-reem
You're welcome	Birşey değil	beer-shay de-eel
Excuse me	Bakar mısınız	ba-kar muh-suh-nuhz
Sorry	Özür dilerim	er-zewr dee-le-reem
What's your name?	Adınız nedir?	a-duh-nuhz ne-deer
My name is ...	Benim adım ...	be-neem a-duhm ...
Where are you from?	Nerelisiniz?	ne-re-lee-see-nee-z
I'm from ...	Ben ...	ben ...
I like seviyorum	... se-vee-yo-room
I don't like sevmiyorum	... sev-mee-yo-room

DIRECTIONS

Where is ...?	... nerede?	... ne-re-de
It's straight ahead	Tam karşıda	tam kar-shuh-da
Turn left	Sola dön	so-la dern
Turn right	Sağa dön	sa-a dern
at the corner	köşeden	ker-she-den
at the traffic lights	trafik ışıklarından	tra-feek uh-shuhk-la-ruhn-dan
opposite	karşısında	kar-shuh-suhn-da

LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES

Do you speak English?	İngilizce konuşuyor musunuz?	een-gee-leez-je ko-noo-shoo-yor moo-soo-nooz
How do you say ...?	... nasıl söylüyorsunuz?	... na-seel say-lew-yor-soohn
I understand	Anlıyorum	an-luh-yo-room
I don't understand	Anlamıyorum	an-la-muh-yo-room

TIME & DATES

What time is it?	Saat kaç?	sa-at kach
in the morning	öğleden evvel	er-le-den ev-vel
in the afternoon	öğleden sonra	er-le-den son-ra
week	hafta	haf-ta
year	yıl	yuhl
today	bugün	boo-gewn
tomorrow	yarın	ya-ruhn
yesterday	diün	dewn
Monday	Pazartesi	pa-zar-te-see
Tuesday	Salı	sa-luh
Wednesday	Çarşamba	char-sham-ba
Thursday	Perşembe	per-shem-be
Friday	Cuma	joo-ma
Saturday	Cumartesi	joo-mar-te-see
Sunday	Pazar	pa-zar

SHOPPING & SERVICES

I'd like to buy almak istiyorum	al-mak ees-tee-yo-room
How much is it?	Ne kadar?	ne ka-dar
May I look at it?	Bakabilir miyim?	ba-ka-bee-leer mee-yeem
I'm just looking	Sadece bakıyorum	sa-de-je ba-kuh-yo-room
It's too expensive	Bu çok pahalı	boo chok pa-ha-luh
I'll take it	Tutuyorum	too-too-yo-room
Do you accept ...?	... kabul ediyor musunuz?	... ka-bool e-dee-yor moo-soo-nooz
credit cards	Kredi kartı	kre-dee kar-tuh
travellers cheques	Seyahat çeki	se-ya-hat che-kee

PLACES

bank	Banka	ban-ka
embassy	elçilik	el-chee-leek
hospital	Hastane	has-ta-ne
market	Pazar yeri	pa-zar ye-ree
police	Polis	po-tees
post office	Postane	pos-ta-ne
public phone	Telefon kulübesi	te-le-fon koo-lew-be-see
public toilet	Umumi tuvalet	oo-moo-mee too-va-let

TRANSPORT

What time does the ... leave/arrive?	... ne zaman kalkacak/varır?	... ne za-man kal-ka-jak/va-ruhr
boat	Vapur	va-poor
bus	Otobüs	o-to-bews
plane	Uçak	oo-chak
train	Tren	tren
I'd like a ... ticket	... bir bilet lütfen	... beer bee-let lewt-fen
one-way	Gidiş	gee-deesh
return	Gidiş-dönüş	gee-deesh-der-newsh
cancelled	iptal edildi	eep-tal e-deel-dee
the first/the last	ilk/son	eelk/son
platform	peron	pe-ron
ticket office	bilet gişesi	bee-let gee-she-see
timetable	tarife	ta-ree-fe
train station	istasyon	ees-tas-yon

EMERGENCIES

Help!	İmdat!	eem-dat
I'm lost	Kayboldum	kai-bol-doom
Leave me alone!	Git başımdan!	geet ba-shuhm-dan
Call ...!	... çağırın!	... cha-uh-ruhn
a doctor	Doktor	dok-tor
the police	Polis	po-tees
an ambulance	Ambulans	am-boo-lans

SIGNS

Entrance	Giriş
Exit	Çıkış
Open	Açık
Closed	Kapalı
Prohibited	Yasak
No Smoking	Sigara İçilmez
Rooms Available	Boş Oda
Full (No Vacancies)	Boş Yer Yok
Toilets/WC	Tuvaletler
Male	Bay
Female	Bayan