

How to Introduce Yourself in Turkish: First Conversation with Audio

Beginner/Elementary

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Introducing yourself in Turkish is one of the first real conversations you'll have — and a few solid patterns will get you through it confidently. Below is the shortest way to say it, a complete model introduction, the building blocks to make it your own, and both formal and informal versions, since Turkish treats the two very differently.

This PDF has the full transcript, translation, and vocabulary. To hear the native-speaker audio for this dialogue, visit <https://fluentinturkish.com/listening/introduce-yourself-in-turkish>.

The Simplest Way to Introduce Yourself in Turkish

At its shortest, introducing yourself in Turkish takes just one sentence:

Merhaba, ben [name]. Tanıştığımıza memnun oldum.

Hello, I'm [name]. Nice to meet you.

Once you want to say a bit more about yourself, here's a complete model introduction:

Merhaba, benim adım David. Amerikalıyım ama İstanbul'da yaşıyorum. Öğretmenim ve Türkçe öğreniyorum. Tanıştığımıza memnun oldum.

Hello, my name is David. I'm American, but I live in Istanbul. I'm a teacher, and I'm learning Turkish. Nice to meet you.

Self-Introduction Building Blocks

Mix and match these patterns to build your own introduction:

What you communicate	Turkish pattern	Example
Name	Benim adım... / Ben...	Benim adım David.
Country	...lıyım / ...lıyım	Amerikalıyım.
Origin	...den geliyorum	Amerika'dan geliyorum.
Residence	...da yaşıyorum	İstanbul'da yaşıyorum.
Age	... yaşındayım	Otuz yaşındayım.
Profession	...yım / ...im	Öğretmenim.
Language	... konuşuyorum	İngilizce konuşuyorum.
Interest	... seviyorum	Seyahat etmeyi seviyorum.

Formal vs. Informal: Sen and Siz

Turkish has two ways to say “you” — **sen** (informal) and **siz** (formal/plural) — and which one you use changes your whole introduction, not just one word.

Informal

Selam, ben David. Senin adın ne?

Hi, I'm David. What's your name?

Formal

Merhaba, benim adım David. Sizin adınız nedir?

Hello, my name is David. What is your name? (formal)

Use **siz** with strangers, older people, teachers, and anyone in a professional setting until they invite you to switch. Use **sen** with classmates, friends, and people your own age once you know each other a little.

Dialogue: First Day of Turkish Class

Here's that mix in action — a real conversation between two classmates on their first day.

TRANSCRIPT

Antoni: Merhaba

Paula: Merhaba, nasılsın?

Antoni: İyiyim. Teşekkür ederim. Siz nasılsınız?

Paula: Ben de iyiyim. Biraz heyecanlıyım.

Antoni: Heyecanlı mısınız? Neden?

Paula: Evet çünkü bugün ilk Türkçe dersi.

Antoni: Ah... tabii. Ee, ismim Antoni bu arada. Sizin isminiz ne?

Paula: Benim ismim Paula. Bana sen diyebilirsin. Siz demene gerek yok.

Antoni: Peki, Paula. Tanıştığımıza memnun oldum.

Paula: Ben de çok memnun oldum.

TRANSLATION

Antoni: Hello

Paula: Hello, how are you?

Antoni: I'm fine. Thank you. How are you? (formal)

Paula: I'm fine, too. I am a little nervous/excited.

Antoni: Are you nervous/excited? Why?

Paula: Yes because today is the first Turkish lesson.

Antoni: Ah... sure. My name is Antoni, by the way. What is your name?

Paula: My name is Paula. You can call me “sen”. You don't need to say “siz”.

Antoni: Okay, Paula. Nice to meet you.

Paula: Nice to meet you, too.

Notice how Antoni plays it safe at first: even though Paula greets him informally (“nasılsın?”), he replies with the formal “siz” (“Siz nasılsınız?”) — and keeps using it until she explicitly invites him to switch to “sen”. That

instinct, defaulting to formal with someone new and relaxing once invited, is exactly how Turkish speakers handle this in real life.

GRAMMAR NOTES

When learning first words and phrases in a foreign language, learners do not need to learn about grammar. It's expected from them to memorize the common words such as **hello** or **how are you?**.

So, in this lesson, you are not supposed to learn the grammar structures because they'll be covered in-depth in the later lessons. But we wanted to show you anyway so you can understand the logic of Turkish grammar.

Heyecan

Excitement

Heyecanlıyım

I'm nervous / I'm excited

İyi

Good

İyiyim

I'm good

Kötü

Bad

Kötüyüm

I'm bad

The meaning of the verb 'to be' is given by attaching suffixes. Each personal pronoun has its own suffix.

İyiyim İyisin İyi İyiyiz İyisiniz İyiler

He's good

I'm good You're good She's good We're good You're good (plural) They're good

It's good

Nasılı**m**? Nasılı**sın**? Nasıl? Nasılı**ız**? Nasılı**sınız**? Nasıl**lar**?

How is he?

How am I? How are you? How is she? How are we? How are you? How are they?

How is it?

*These suffixes are covered in detail in the next lessons.

İsmim David

My name is David

Benim

My/Mine

Benim ismim David

My name is David

İsmim

My name

Benim ismim

My name

Since you can give the same meaning without using *Benim*, natives tend to omit using *Benim*.

Bu arada

By the way

Bu arada, ismim David. / İsmim David, bu arada.

By the way, my name is David.

You can use *bu arada* both at the beginning or at the end of sentences.

Vocabulary

Teşekkür ederim

Thank you

Merhaba / Selam

Hello

Nasılsın?

How are you?

Nasılsınız?

How are you? (formal)

Sen

You

Ben

I

Ben de

Me too

Neden?

Why?

Çünkü

Because

Çok

Very

Tabii

Sure

Heyecanlı

Nervous and Excited

Bugün

Today

Memnun

Glad/Satisfied

Memnun oldum

I'm glad

Tanıştığıma memnun oldum

I'm glad to meet you / nice to meet you

More Ways to Introduce Yourself in Turkish

Here are three more introductions pitched at different situations — from the shortest possible beginner version to a professional one.

VERY SHORT BEGINNER INTRODUCTION

Merhaba, ben Ayşe. Memnun oldum.

Hello, I'm Ayşe. Nice to meet you.

CASUAL INTRODUCTION BETWEEN CLASSMATES

Selam, ben Mehmet. Bu benim ilk Türkçe dersim. Sen de mi yeni başladın?

Hi, I'm Mehmet. This is my first Turkish class. Did you just start too?

FORMAL PROFESSIONAL INTRODUCTION

Merhaba, benim adım Elif Yılmaz. Bir yazılım şirketinde çalışıyorum ve İstanbul'da yaşıyorum. Sizinle tanıştığıma memnun oldum.

Hello, my name is Elif Yılmaz. I work at a software company, and I live in Istanbul. I'm pleased to meet you.

Practice: Write Your Own Introduction

Fill in the blanks with your own information, then read it out loud:

Merhaba, benim adım ____.

____lıyım.

____'da yaşıyorum.

____ yaşındayım.

____ olarak çalışıyorum.

____ konuşuyorum.

Tanıştığımıza memnun oldum.

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