

How to Greet and Introduce Yourself in Turkish

Basic Greetings

In Turkish, greetings are warm and direct. Here are some common ways to say hello:

- Merhaba!
- Hello!
- Selam!
- Hi! (more casual)
- Günaydın!
- Good morning!
- İyi akşamlar!
- Good evening!
- Hoşça kal! / Güle güle!
- Goodbye!
- (“Hoşça kal” is said to the person staying, while “Güle güle” is said to the one leaving.)



Asking “How Are You?”

After greeting someone, it's common to ask how they are:

- Nasılsın?
- How are you? (informal)
- Nasılsınız?
- How are you? (formal or plural)

Response Example:

- İyiyim, teşekkür ederim. Sen nasılsın?
- I'm good, thank you. And how are you?

Introducing Yourself

When you meet someone for the first time, introducing yourself is important. Here are some essential phrases:

- Benim adım [Your Name].
- My name is [Your Name].
- Ben [Your Name].
- I am [Your Name].
- Tanıştığımıza memnun oldum.
- Nice to meet you.

Additional Tips for Smooth Introductions

- Speak Clearly:
- Practice saying these phrases slowly at first, then try to speed up as you become more comfortable with the pronunciation.
- Smile and Use Gestures:
- Non-verbal cues like a smile or a slight nod are important in Turkish culture and help convey friendliness.
- Practice Regularly:
- Repeat the phrases aloud, use flashcards, or record yourself to improve your fluency.
- Engage in Role-Plays:
- If you have a language partner or friend learning Turkish, practice greetings and introductions in a conversational setting.

Practice Exercise

- Try to write a short self-introduction using the phrases above. For example:
- "Merhaba! Benim adım [Your Name]. [Your Country]'den geliyorum. Tanıştığımıza memnun oldum!"
- Translation:
- "Hello! My name is [Your Name]. I come from [Your Country]. Nice to meet you!"



With regular practice
and by using these
phrases in everyday
conversations, you
will soon feel more
comfortable and
confident when
meeting new people
in Turkey.