

Turkish

The list of topics is indicative only (as typically encountered at those levels) to help prospective students select the most appropriate course. When topics and grammar points appear under several levels, they will be either a revision and/or more in-depth study of the topic/grammar area. Most grammar structures and vocabulary items are of course encountered again and often reinforced in subsequent levels.

Progression	Development	Typical topics	Grammar
Beginners	Step 1	Turkish Alphabet and Sounds Basic vocabulary for daily situations Greetings Introducing oneself (age, profession etc) Describing things Countries and nationalities Numbers 1-9999 Asking for directions Ordering food Going shopping Vocabulary building (fruit and vegetables) Possessions	Turkish vowels Major vowel harmony Introduction to Turkish suffixes Plurals (“-ler/lar”) Minor vowel harmony Question endings (“mı/mi/mu/mü”) Adjectives (use of “değil”) Introduction to Turkish syntax (word order) Consonant changes (special consonants) Personal pronouns Possessive suffixes
	Step 2	Activities (doing words) Making commands Talking about activities (Present Continuous Tense) With / Without Possessions (Further: I’ve got...) Expressing wishes (I want...) Talking about definite future plans Comparisons (Intro)	Prepositions of place (In/on/at/to/from suffixes) Noun cases (“-e / -i / -de / -den”) Direct objects Commands (use of verbs and infinitives) Present Tense with personal suffixes Present Continuous Tense (“-yor”) Negative and Questions structures with “-yor” “-li / -siz” Full infinitive with “istemek” “daha” / “en”

Elementary	Step 1	<p>Recap of Present Continuous Time expressions (past/present) Activities in the past Asking questions about the past Telling the time (o'clock / past / to) Telling the time of something Informal suggestions Names of places and items Special verbs For .. Question words</p> <p>Talking about future plans Time expressions (future) Describing positions of items Telling the time of something (Further)</p>	<p>-yor suffix "geçen" / "önce" / "şimdi" Past Tense (-dı / di) Personal suffixes, negatives and questions in the past tense "Geçiyor" / "Var" "Geçe" and "Kala" Use of the suffixes "-sene / -sana" Compound nouns (Buffer letters) Verb suffixes ("-e / -de / den") ... "için" Wh- questions</p> <p>Use of -ecek / acak and personal suffixes in the Future tense "yarın" / "sonra" Prepositions of place "Geçiyor vs Geçe" and "Var vs Kala"</p>
	Step 2	<p>Recap of Present Cont. and Past Tense Explaining routine, making requests Promises and momentary decisions (-r) Making requests (Will you...) Talking about routine actions Stating intention and willingness Telling stories and jokes Describing the subject of actions Explaining how actions happen Special verbs (scared "from", look "to") Making formal statements</p>	<p>"-yor" vs "-dı/di" The Aorist tense (-r) Positive, negative and questions in the Aorist tense "-r mısınız?" Adverbs of frequency The Aorist Tense (further) "-r" in various situations Defining relative clauses ("-en / -an") Multiple actions in one sentence ("-erek / -arak") Verb suffixes – phase 2 ("-e / -de / den") "-dır / -dir"</p>

Lower Intermediate	Step 1	Talking about skills Expressing possibility Making suggestions Offering to do something Comparing things and actions Locating where things/people are Vocabulary building (structures)	Can (-“ebil / abil”) May/Might (-“ebilir / abilir”) Let’s / Shall we (“elim” / “alım” and –“elim mi?” / “alım mı?”) Let me / Shall I (“-eyim / -ayım” and “-eyim mi / -ayım mı?”) “daha” and “en” (further) “-deki / -daki” adjectives Use of short/full infinitives + cases (“-meyi / -meye / -mekten”)
	Step 2	Expressing necessity Obligations Lack of obligations Using conditionals Saying what you need Time expressions (since, for and until) Vocabulary building (body parts) Making a health appointment	“Need to” with “gerek / lazım” “Must / Have to” with “-meli / -malı” and “zorunda” “zorunda değil” vs “gerekmiyor” “If” clauses – phase 1 (Present – “-se / sa”) Use of “ihtiyaç” “-den beri” - “-dır / -dir” – “-e / -a kadar” Specific ways to express pain and discomfort Use of “-ebilir miyim?”
Intermediate	Step 1	Telling fairy tales Reporting what someone else said Expressing doubt and disbelief Seeking confirmation Expressing surprise Making deductions and journalistic past tense Expressing order of events with subclauses Both and / Either or / Neither nor Vocabulary building (-le/leş) Describing people, events and actions Intensified adjectives Expressing sequence of events	“-miş” as a past tense indicator and other purposes “-miştir” for “must have” and “I expect...” “-ken, -den önce, -dikten sonra, -rken, -ince, -diği zaman (when [with non-verb words] / before / after / whilst / when) “Hem .. hem ..” (both .. and..) “Ya .. ya ..” (either .. or ..) “Ne .. ne ..” (neither .. nor ..) Use of -le and -leş in building verbs out of nouns and adjectives Use of “-an/en vs -dık/dik vs “-acak/ecek” (relative clauses with “who” and “which” in the past, present and future tenses) <u>Kıpkırmızı</u> / <u>maşmavi</u> etc. -ıp / ip (.. immediately after ..)

	Step 2	<p>Past Continuous Tense Past Perfect Reporting events Further subclauses (just as, although, due to, as far as, when, apart from) Reported speech vs instructions from third person Vocabulary building (-iş)</p>	<p>-yordu (was/were doing) -mıştı/mişti (had done) Further use of -dık/dik and -acak/ecek -dik /-ecek + için, gibi, halde, kadar, zaman, başka, -diğinde -dik/-ecek vs. the short infinitive -dık söylemek vs -ma söylemek Nouns with -iş</p>
Higher Intermediate	Step 1	<p>Expressing habits in the past Causatives (-dır / dir) Use of each other and variations Vocabulary building (-iş with nouns) Further use of adverbs Passive Voice Use of "by" in Passive Voice Expressing what was going to happen Reflexives Reflexive verbs Vocabulary building 1 (verbs into nouns/adjectives) Vocabulary building 2(weather forecast)</p>	<p>-rdı / -rdi (used to) Have something done "Birbiri" and use of possessives Verbs with -iş Artık (anymore), henüz (yet), mutlaka (definitely) etc. -ıl/-il to focus on action, rather than subject Correct use of "tarafından" -acaktı / -ecekti "Kendi kendi" and use of possessives "Giymek" vs "giyinmek" "-ım / -in / -gin / -kan / -gi and -i" suffixes suffixes to derive nouns and adjectives from verbs Terminology and correct use of latest structures</p>
	Step 2	<p>Conditionals Type 2 and 3 (Unlikely and past conditionals) Giving advice with "If I were you" Expressing regret with "If only" Subclauses (as soon as) Vocabulary building 1 (traffic signs) Vocabulary building 2 (further verbs into nouns and adjectives)</p>	<p>-sa/-se + past tense to expressing, regrets, unlikely and past events "Yerinde olsaydım..." Use of "keşke" with the conditionals Use of "-r -rmaz" Various expressions to aid driving in Turkey "-mez, -ç, -gıç, -ik, -ek, -it, -ıntı" suffixes</p>