

BOOKS FOR LEARNING TURKISH

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INTRODUCTION

There are many Turkish learning books available, and different books are useful at different stages. I have collected here the books I have created for my own students, along with a small selection of Turkish course books, grammar references and dictionaries that I recommend.

My Turkish Learning Books

I started creating my own Turkish learning books because I wanted my students to have materials they could use independently and return to as often as they needed.

My Everyday Turkish Vocabulary Builder Series currently includes four workbooks for beginners. Each book focuses on one everyday topic and works with a manageable group of useful Turkish words and phrases. The series is built around repetition and recall: you meet the vocabulary, write it, use it in different activities, check what you remember, and encounter it again in context. Each book focuses on 30 basic words and phrases within one category.

The books include different kinds of practice rather than a single vocabulary list. Depending on the topic, you will find writing activities, self-check quizzes, fill-in-the-blank exercises, dialogues, word games and role-play activities. There are also answer keys and space for further writing practice. Some books include a video resource where you can hear the vocabulary pronounced and practice along with me.

I also created two notebooks for learners who want to organize their own Turkish study. The Turkish Vocabulary Notebook is a place to collect new words as you encounter them and keep returning to them over time. The Turkish Verb Conjugation Notebook gives you a dedicated place to work with Turkish verbs and keep the forms you are learning organized.

You will also find my Turkish children's books in the collection. They offer another way to spend time with Turkish through stories and illustrations, and can be used by children, families learning Turkish together, or beginner learners who enjoy simple reading.

[Explore my Turkish learning books on Amazon →](#)

Complete Turkish: Beginner to Intermediate Course

By Asuman Çelen Pollard and David Pollard

A structured course for learners who want to work from beginner level toward intermediate Turkish. It combines grammar and vocabulary with reading, writing, listening and speaking practice across 18 units. It can be used for self-study or alongside lessons, and includes review sections, a verb reference and a glossary. The course covers approximately A1 to B1/B2 CEFR levels, so it is also a book you can keep using as your Turkish develops.

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The Larger Redhouse Portable Dictionary: English-Turkish & Turkish-English

By Serap Bezmez and C. H. Brown

A substantial two-way English-Turkish and Turkish-English dictionary with more than 100,000 entries. Along with everyday vocabulary, it includes idioms, terminology, slang and proverbs, with examples for many words and expressions. It also provides a pronunciation guide for English words designed around Turkish spelling and phonetics. A useful reference to keep nearby when studying, reading or writing in Turkish.

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Turkish: An Essential Grammar

By Aslı Göksel and Celia Kerslake

A concise reference grammar for learners who want a deeper understanding of how modern Turkish works. It covers the main structures of the language with clear explanations, translated examples from both everyday and formal Turkish, tables and a glossary of grammatical terms. It is especially useful as a book to consult when you want to understand a particular structure in more detail, rather than as a course to work through lesson by lesson.

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Basic Turkish Grammar for Foreigners

By Muhammed Ensar Erensayın

A Turkish grammar book for A1–A2 learners that I particularly like. Grammar is explained with English equivalents and supported by exercises, reading texts and vocabulary lists. It also includes an answer key, so it can be used for independent study as well as alongside lessons. This is a useful option if you are looking for a Turkish-published grammar resource.

Availability note: This book is published in Türkiye and may be easier to find through Turkish booksellers.