

# The Football Coach's Turkish Phrasebook

## 500+ Essential Phrases for Coaching in Turkey

*Free guide for English-speaking coaches working in Turkey (Süper Lig, youth academies) or with Turkish-speaking players. Includes pronunciation guide for Turkish special characters.*

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### Turkish Pronunciation Guide:

ş = "sh" as in "shoe"

ç = "ch" as in "chair"

ğ = silent, lengthens the preceding vowel

ı (undotted i) = like "u" in "radium" - a back, unrounded vowel

i (dotted) = "ee" as in "see"

ö = like German "ö" or French "eu"

ü = like German "ü" or French "u"



## Training Session Commands

### Starting & Stopping

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Go! / Start!	Başla! / Hadi!	bash-LA / ha-DEE
Stop!	Dur!	DOOR
Freeze!	Kımıldama!	kuh-muhl-da-MA
Again!	Tekrar!	tek-RAR
One more time	Bir daha	beer da-HA
Reset!	Başa dön!	ba-SHA durn
Take a break	Mola	mo-LA
Water break	Su molası	SOO mo-la-suh
Gather round	Toplanın!	top-la-NUN
Listen up	Dinleyin!	din-le-YIN
Pay attention	Dikkat!	dik-KAT
That's enough	Yeter!	ye-TER
Finished / Done	Bitti!	bit-TI
Good, continue	Güzel, devam	gew-ZEL de-VAM

### Tempo & Intensity

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Faster!	Daha hızlı!	da-HA huz-LUH
Slower!	Daha yavaş!	da-HA ya-VASH
Speed up!	Hızlan!	huz-LAN
Game speed!	Maç temposu!	MATCH tem-po-SOO
High intensity!	Yüksek tempo!	yewk-SEK tem-PO
Keep the tempo	Tempoyu koru	tem-po-YOO ko-ROO
Push yourselves!	Kendinizi zorlayın!	ken-di-ni-ZI zor-la-YUN
Don't walk!	Yürüme!	yew-rew-ME
Sprint!	Koş!	KOSH
Full effort!	Tam güç!	TAM gewch
Maximum effort!	Sonuna kadar!	so-NOO-na ka-DAR
More energy!	Daha fazla enerji!	da-HA faz-LA e-ner-JI
Stay focused!	Konsantre ol!	kon-san-TRE ol
Come on!	Haydi! / Hadi ama!	HAY-dee / ha-DEE a-MA

### Movement Commands

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Move!	Hareket et!	ha-re-KET et
Stay there	Orada kal	o-ra-DA kal
Come here	Buraya gel	boo-ra-YA gel
Go there	Oraya git	o-ra-YA git
Swap positions	Yer değiştirin	YER de-eesh-ti-RIN
Rotate!	Dönün!	dur-NEWN
Join the other group	Diğer gruba katıl	di-ER gru-BA ka-tuhl
You're in	Sen gir	SEN geer

You're out	Sen çık	SEN chuk
Next group	Sıradaki grup	suh-ra-da-KI groop
Form a line	Sıraya girin	suh-ra-YA gi-RIN
Make a circle	Çember yapın	chem-BER ya-PUN
Spread out	Yayılın	ya-yuh-LUN
Get closer	Yaklaşın	yak-la-SHUN

### Technical Corrections

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Use your left foot	Sol ayağını kullan	SOL a-ya-uh-NUH kool-LAN
Use your right foot	Sağ ayağını kullan	SAH a-ya-uh-NUH kool-LAN
Both feet	İki ayak	i-KI a-YAK
Inside of the foot	Ayak içi	a-YAK i-CHI
Outside of the foot	Ayak dışı	a-YAK duh-SHUH
Instep	Ayak üstü	a-YAK ews-TEW
Head up!	Kafanı kaldır!	ka-fa-NUH kal-DUR
Look up	Yukarı bak	yoo-ka-RUH bak
First touch	İlk temas	ILK te-MAS
Soft touch	Yumuşak temas	yoo-moo-SHAK te-MAS
Body position	Vücut pozisyonu	vew-JOOT po-zis-yo-NOO
Open your body	Vücudunu aç	vew-joo-doo-NOO ACH
Check your shoulder	Arkana bak	ar-ka-NA bak
Bend your knees	Dizlerini бүk	diz-le-ri-NI bewk
Stay on your toes	Parmak uçlarında dur	par-MAK ooch-la-run-DA door

### Ball Work

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Pass!	Pas!	PAS
Short pass	Kısa pas	kuh-SA pas
Long pass	Uzun pas	oo-ZOON pas
Through ball	Ara pas	a-RA pas
Dribble	Dripling / Çalım	drip-LING / cha-LUM
Control the ball	Topu kontrol et	to-POO kon-TROL et
Trap the ball	Topu durdur	to-POO door-DOOR
Volley	Vole	vo-LE
Header	Kafa vuruşu	ka-FA voo-roo-SHOO
Chest it down	Göğsüyle durdur	gur-sew-LE door-DOOR
Shield the ball	Topu koru	to-POO ko-ROO
Keep possession	Topa sahip ol	to-PA sa-HIP ol

## Tactical Instructions

### Formations & Positions

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Formation	Diziliř / Formasyon	di-zi-LISH / for-mas-YON
We play 4-3-3	4-3-3 oynuyoruz	durt ewch ewch oy-noo-yo-ROOZ
Goalkeeper	Kaleci	ka-le-JI
Defender	Defans / Bek	de-FANS / BEK
Centre-back	Stoper	sto-PER
Full-back	Bek	BEK
Right-back	Sağ bek	SAH bek
Left-back	Sol bek	SOL bek
Midfielder	Orta saha	or-TA sa-HA
Defensive midfielder	Defansif orta saha	de-fan-SIF or-TA sa-HA
Central midfielder	Merkez orta saha	mer-KEZ or-TA sa-HA
Attacking midfielder	Ofansif orta saha / 10 numara	o-fan-SIF or-TA sa-HA / on NOO-ma-ra
Winger	Kanat oyuncusu	ka-NAT oy-noon-joo-SOO
Forward / Striker	Forvet / Santrafor	for-VET / san-tra-FOR
Centre-forward	Santrafor	san-tra-FOR
Wing-back	Kanat bek	ka-NAT bek

### Attacking Principles

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Attack!	Hücum!	hew-JOOM
Width!	Geniřlik!	ge-nish-LIK
Stretch them	Onları aç	on-la-RUH ACH
Find the space	Bořluđu bul	bosh-loo-OO bool
Make space	Bořluk yarat	bosh-LOOK ya-RAT
Between the lines	Hatlar arasında	hat-LAR a-ra-sun-DA
Third man run	Üçüncü adam kořusu	ew-chewn-JEW a-DAM ko-shoo-SOO
Overlap	Bindirme / Overlap	bin-dir-ME / o-ver-LAP
Underlap	İçerden kořu	i-cher-DEN ko-SHOO
Switch the play	Oyunu deđiřtir	oy-oo-NOO de-eesh-TIR
Play forward	İleri oyna	i-le-RI oy-NA
Turn!	Dön!	DURN
Shoot!	řut! / Vur!	SHOOT / VOOR
Cross it!	Orta yap!	or-TA yap
One-two	Bir-iki / Duvar pası	beer-i-KI / doo-VAR pa-SUH
Give and go	Ver ve koř	VER ve KOSH
Support the ball	Topa destek ol	to-PA des-TEK ol
Make the run	Kořuyu yap	ko-shoo-YOO yap
Get into the box	Ceza sahasına gir	je-ZA sa-ha-suh-NA gir
Far post	Uzak direk	oo-ZAK di-REK
Near post	Yakın direk	ya-KUN di-REK

### Defensive Principles

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Defend!	Savun!	sa-VOON
Press!	Pres yap! / Baskı!	PRES yap / bas-KUH
High press	Yüksek pres	yewk-SEK pres
Drop!	Geri çekil!	ge-RI che-KIL
Hold the line	Hattı koru	hat-TUH ko-ROO
Squeeze!	Sıkıştır!	suh-kush-TUR
Compact!	Kompakt ol!	kom-PAKT ol
Cover!	Kapama yap!	ka-pa-MA yap
Mark him!	Markaj!	mar-KAJ
Man on!	Adam var!	a-DAM var
Behind you!	Arkanda!	ar-kan-DA
Clear it!	Uzaklaştır!	oo-zak-lash-TUR
Win the ball	Topu kazan	to-POO ka-ZAN
Block the shot	Şutu engelle	shoo-TOO en-gel-LE
No foul!	Faul yapma!	fa-OOL yap-MA
Stay goalside	Kale tarafında kal	ka-LE ta-ra-fun-DA kal
Delay!	Oyunu yavaşlat!	oy-oo-NOO ya-vash-LAT
Tackle!	Müdahale!	mew-da-ha-LE
Intercept	Kesme	kes-ME

### Transitions

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Transition!	Geçiş!	ge-CHISH
Counter-attack!	Kontra atak!	kon-TRA a-TAK
Fast break!	Hızlı atak!	huz-LUH a-TAK
Get back!	Geri dön!	ge-RI DURN
Everyone back!	Herkes geri!	her-KES ge-RI
Recovery run	Geri dönüş koşusu	ge-RI dur-NEWSH ko-shoo-SOO
Quick!	Çabuk!	cha-BOOK
Go forward together	Birlikte ileri	bir-lik-TE i-le-RI

### Set Pieces

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Free kick	Serbest vuruş	ser-BEST voo-ROOSH
Direct free kick	Direkt serbest vuruş	di-REKT ser-BEST voo-ROOSH
Indirect free kick	Endirekt serbest vuruş	en-di-REKT ser-BEST voo-ROOSH
Corner kick	Köşe vuruşu / Korner	kur-SHE voo-roo-SHOO / kor-NER
Penalty kick	Penaltı	pe-nal-TUH
Throw-in	Taç atışı	TACH a-tuh-SHUH
Goal kick	Kale vuruşu	ka-LE voo-roo-SHOO
Set up the wall	Bariyeri kur	ba-ri-ye-RI koor
Attack the ball	Topa git	to-PA git
Near post run	Yakın direğe koş	ya-KUN di-re-E kosh
Far post run	Uzak direğe koş	oo-ZAK di-re-E kosh
Short corner	Kısa korner	kuh-SA kor-NER

## Match Day Communication

### Pre-Match

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Team meeting	Takım toplantısı	ta-KUM top-lan-tuh-SUH
Here's the starting lineup	İşte ilk 11	ish-TE ilk on-BIR
You're starting	Sen başlıyorsun	SEN bash-luh-yor-SOON
You're on the bench	Sen yedek başlıyorsun	SEN ye-DEK bash-luh-yor-SOON
Warm up properly	Düzgün ısın	dewz-GEWN uh-SUN
This is the game plan	Bugünkü planımız bu	boo-gewn-KEW pla-nuh-MUZ boo
Focus!	Odaklan!	o-dak-LAN
Are you ready?	Hazır mısınız?	ha-ZUR muh-suh-NUZ
Let's go!	Haydi gidelim!	hay-DI gi-de-LIM
Believe in yourselves	Kendinize güvenin	ken-di-ni-ZE gew-ve-NIN
We can win this	Bunu kazanabiliriz	boo-NOO ka-za-na-bi-li-RIZ
Play as a team	Takım olarak oynayın	ta-KUM o-la-RAK oy-na-YUN

### During the Match

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Good!	İyi! / Güzel!	i-YI / gew-ZEL
That's it!	İşte bu!	ish-TE boo
Keep going!	Devam!	de-VAM
Come on!	Haydi! / Hadi!	hay-DI / ha-DI
Nice play!	Güzel oyun!	gew-ZEL oy-OON
Time!	Zaman var!	za-MAN var
No time!	Zaman yok!	za-MAN yok
Stay calm	Sakin ol	sa-KIN ol
Relax	Rahatla	ra-hat-LA
Don't rush	Acele etme	a-je-LE et-ME
Patient!	Sabırlı ol!	sa-bur-LUH ol
Wake up!	Uyan!	oo-YAN
Concentrate!	Konsantre ol!	kon-san-TRE ol
Talk to each other!	Konuşun!	ko-noo-SHOON
Communicate!	İletişim kurun!	i-le-ti-SHIM koo-ROON
Don't argue with the referee	Hakemle tartışma	ha-kem-LE tar-tush-MA

### Substitutions

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Substitution!	Oyuncu değişikliği!	oy-oon-JOO de-eesh-ik-li-I
Get ready to come on	Girmeye hazırlan	gir-me-YE ha-zur-LAN
Warm up	Isın	uh-SUN
You're coming off	Sen çıkıyorsun	SEN chuh-kuh-yor-SOON
Good game	İyi oynadın	i-YI oy-na-DUN
Well played	Tebrikler	teb-rik-LER
Here's what I need from you	Senden istediğim şu	sen-DEN is-te-di-IM shoo
Play your position	Pozisyonunda oyna	po-zis-yo-noon-DA oy-NA

## Half-Time &amp; Post-Match

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Half-time	Devre arası	dev-RE a-ra-SUH
Second half	İkinci yarı	i-kin-JI ya-RUH
Well done first half	İlk yarı iyiydi	ILK ya-RUH i-yi-DI
We need to improve	Gelişmemiz lazım	ge-lish-me-MIZ la-ZUM
Keep doing what you're doing	Böyle devam edin	bur-LE de-VAM e-DIN
Change of plan	Plan değişikliği	PLAN de-eesh-ik-li-I
Full time	Maç bitti	MATCH bit-TI
We won!	Kazandık!	ka-zan-DUK
We lost	Kaybettik	kay-bet-TIK
It was a draw	Berabere kaldık	be-ra-be-RE kal-DUK
Proud of you all	Hepinizle gurur duyuyorum	he-pl-niz-LE goo-ROOR doo-yoo-yo-ROOM
We'll do better next time	Gelecek sefer daha iyi olacağız	ge-le-JEK se-FER da-HA i-YI o-la-ja-UZ

**Cultural Note - Turkish Football Passion:** Football in Turkey is more than a sport - it's a way of life. Fans are extremely passionate and stadiums can be intense atmospheres. As a coach, embrace this passion but also teach players to channel emotion productively. Turkish football values "mücadele" (fighting spirit) and "yürek" (heart).



## Player Feedback Phrases

### Positive Reinforcement

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Excellent!	Mükemmel!	mew-kem-MEL
Well done!	Aferin!	a-fe-RIN
Perfect!	Mükemmel!	mew-kem-MEL
Great job!	Çok iyi!	CHOK i-YI
Beautiful!	Güzel!	gew-ZEL
That's the way!	İşte böyle!	ish-TE bur-LE
Keep it up!	Böyle devam!	bur-LE de-VAM
Much better!	Çok daha iyi!	CHOK da-HA i-YI
Good improvement	İyi gelişme	i-YI ge-lish-ME
I can see your effort	Çabanı görüyorum	cha-ba-NUH gur-rew-yo-ROOM
Great attitude	Harika tutum	ha-ri-KA too-TOOM
Good decision	İyi karar	i-YI ka-RAR
Smart play	Akıllı oyun	a-kul-LUH oy-OON
Bravo!	Bravo!	bra-VO

### Constructive Corrections

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Try again	Tekrar dene	tek-RAR de-NE
Not quite	Tam değil	TAM de-IL
Almost!	Neredeyse!	ne-re-dey-SE
This way instead	Böyle yap	bur-LE yap
Watch me	Bana bak	ba-NA bak
Like this	Böyle	bur-LE
Think about it	Düşün	dew-SHEWN
What could you do better?	Daha iyi ne yapabildin?	da-HA i-YI NE ya-pa-bi-lir-DIN
Next time, try...	Gelecek sefer dene...	ge-le-JEK se-FER de-NE
Focus on this	Buna odaklan	boo-NA o-dak-LAN
You can do better	Daha iyisini yapabilirsin	da-HA i-yi-si-NI ya-pa-bi-lir-SIN
Keep working on it	Çalışmaya devam et	cha-lush-ma-YA de-VAM et

### Encouragement

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Don't give up	Vazgeçme	vaz-gech-ME
You can do it	Yapabilirsin	ya-pa-bi-lir-SIN
I believe in you	Sana inanıyorum	sa-NA i-na-nuh-yo-ROOM
Stay positive	Pozitif ol	po-zi-TIF ol
Head up	Kafanı kaldır	ka-fa-NUH kal-DUR
Next time	Gelecek sefer	ge-le-JEK se-FER
It's okay, keep going	Sorun değil, devam et	so-ROON de-IL de-VAM et
Everyone makes mistakes	Herkes hata yapar	her-KES ha-TA ya-PAR
Learn from this	Bundan ders al	boon-DAN ders al
Be brave	Cesur ol	je-SOOR ol



Trust yourself	Kendine güven	ken-di-NE gew-VEN
Fight!	Savaş!	sa-VASH



## Goalkeeper-Specific Language

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Goalkeeper	Kaleci	ka-le-JI
Goalie (informal)	Kaleci / File bekçisi	ka-le-JI / fi-LE bek-chi-SI
Keeper!	Kaleci!	ka-le-JI
Your ball!	Senin!	se-NIN
Away!	Çık!	CHUK
Stay!	Kal!	KAL
Come out!	Çık dışarı!	CHUK duh-sha-RUH
Stay on your line	Çizginde kal	chiz-gin-DE kal
Organize your wall	Bariyeri ayarla	ba-ri-ye-RI a-yar-LA
Talk to your defense	Defansla konuş	de-fans-LA ko-NOOSH
Command the box	Ceza alanını kontrol et	je-ZA a-la-nuh-NUH kon-TROL et
Catch it!	Yakala!	ya-ka-LA
Punch it!	Yumrukla!	yoom-rook-LA
Hold it!	Tut!	TOOT
Get down!	Aşağı at!	a-sha-UH at
Make yourself big	Büyük dur	bew-YEWK door
Ready position	Hazır pozisyon	ha-ZUR po-zis-YON
Diving save	Dalış kurtarışı	da-LUSH koor-ta-ruh-SHUH
Footwork	Ayak işi	a-YAK i-SHI
Distribution	Dağıtım	da-uh-TUM
Throw it	At	AT
Kick it long	Uzun vur	oo-ZOON voor
Roll it out	Yuvarla	yoo-var-LA

## Staff & Parent Communication

### Team Staff

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Head coach	Teknik direktör / Baş antrenör	tek-NIK di-rek-TEUR / BASH an-tre-NEUR
Assistant coach	Yardımcı antrenör	yar-dum-JUH an-tre-NEUR
Goalkeeper coach	Kaleci antrenörü	ka-le-JI an-tre-nur-EW
Fitness coach	Kondisyoner	kon-dis-yo-NER
Physio	Fizyoterapist	fiz-yo-te-ra-PIST
Team manager	Takım menajeri	ta-KUM me-na-je-RI
Team doctor	Takım doktoru	ta-KUM dok-to-ROO
Kit manager	Malzemeci	mal-ze-me-JI
Referee	Hakem	ha-KEM
Linesman	Yardımcı hakem	yar-dum-JUH ha-KEM

### Parent Communication

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Hello parents	Merhaba veliler	mer-ha-BA ve-li-LER
Your child is doing well	Çocuğunuz iyi gidiyor	cho-joo-oo-NOOZ i-YI gi-di-YOR
They're improving	Gelişme gösteriyor	ge-lish-ME gurs-te-ri-YOR
Training is at...	Antrenman saat...	an-tren-MAN sa-AT
The game is at...	Maç saat...	MATCH sa-AT
Please arrive early	Lütfen erken gelin	lewt-FEN er-KEN ge-LIN
Bring water and snacks	Su ve atıştırmalık getirin	SOO ve a-tush-tur-ma-LUK ge-ti-RIN
The match is cancelled	Maç iptal edildi	MATCH ip-TAL e-dil-DI
Training is cancelled	Antrenman iptal	an-tren-MAN ip-TAL
Do you have any questions?	Sorularınız var mı?	so-roo-la-ruh-NUZ var MUH
Thank you for your support	Desteğiniz için teşekkürler	des-te-i-NIZ i-CHIN te-shek-kewr-LER

### Injury & Medical

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Are you okay?	İyi misin?	i-YI mi-SIN
Where does it hurt?	Neresi ağrıyor?	ne-re-SI a-ruh-YOR
Can you walk?	Yürüyebiliyor musun?	yew-rew-ye-bi-li-YOR moo-SOON
Can you continue?	Devam edebilir misin?	de-VAM e-de-bi-LIR mi-SIN
Take a rest	Dinlen	din-LEN
Get some ice	Buz al	BOOZ al
Stretch it out	Ger	GER
You need to see the doctor	Doktora görünmen lazım	dok-to-RA gur-rewn-MEN la-ZUM
It's just a knock	Sadece bir darbe	sa-de-JE bir dar-BE
Take your time	Acele etme	a-je-LE et-ME

**Cultural Note - Respect:** Turkish culture highly values respect (saygı). Always address older people and officials formally. When speaking to parents, use "Siz" (formal you) rather than "Sen" (informal). When speaking to players' fathers, "Bey" after first name shows respect (e.g., "Ahmet Bey").

## Common Mistakes to Avoid

**Important!** Turkish has some unique sounds and grammar patterns. Here are common mistakes to avoid:

### Pronunciation Mistakes

Character	Common Mistake	Correct Sound	Example
ş	Pronouncing as "s"	"sh" as in "shoe"	şut = "shoot" (shot)
ç	Pronouncing as "k"	"ch" as in "chair"	çabuk = "cha-BOOK" (quick)
ğ	Pronouncing it	Silent, lengthens vowel	dağıtım = "da-uh-TUM" (distribution)
ı (undotted)	Pronouncing as "ee"	Like "u" in "radium"	ısın = "uh-SUN" (warm up)
ö	Pronouncing as "o"	Like German "ö"	dön = "DURN" (turn)
ü	Pronouncing as "u"	Like German "ü"	güzel = "gew-ZEL" (good)

### Language Mistakes

Mistake	Why It's Wrong	Correct Approach
Using "Sen" with parents/officials	Informal, can be disrespectful	Use "Siz" (formal you)
Mixing up i and ı	Changes word meaning	Pay attention to dots (i = ee, ı = uh)
Direct translation from English	Word order is different in Turkish	Learn Turkish sentence structure (SOV)
Forgetting vowel harmony	Sounds unnatural	Match suffixes to word's vowels

### Cultural Mistakes

Mistake	Why It's Wrong	Better Approach
Being overly casual with elders	Seen as disrespectful	Use formal language and titles
Refusing offered tea/coffee	Can offend the host	Accept graciously, it's hospitality
Showing soles of feet	Considered rude in Turkish culture	Keep feet on the ground
Public displays of frustration	Loss of composure is weak	Stay calm, address privately
Not accepting hospitality	Refusing food/drink is rude	Accept with thanks
Criticizing Turkish football clubs	Football loyalties run deep	Stay neutral on club rivalries

### Football Culture Notes

Topic	What to Know
Club rivalries	Extremely intense - Galatasaray, Fenerbahçe, Beşiktaş rivalries are fierce. Stay neutral.
Fan passion	Turkish fans are among the most passionate in Europe. Embrace the atmosphere.
Match atmosphere	Expect flares, chants, and intense energy. Prepare players mentally.
Respect for coaches	"Hocam" (my teacher/coach) is a respectful term players will use for you.
Fighting spirit	"Mücadele" (fighting spirit) is highly valued - show you value effort.

## Quick Reference Cards

### 10 Essential Commands

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Go!	Başla!	bash-LÄ
Stop!	Dur!	DOOR
Again!	Tekrar!	tek-RAR
Good!	Güzel!	gew-ZEL
Pass!	Pas!	PAS
Shoot!	Şut!	SHOOT
Press!	Pres!	PRES
Cover!	Kapama!	ka-pa-MA
Move!	Hareket et!	ha-re-KET et
Come on!	Haydi!	hay-DI

### Numbers (For Formations & Drills)

Number	Turkish	Pronunciation
1	Bir	BEER
2	İki	i-KI
3	Üç	EWCH
4	Dört	DURT
5	Beş	BESH
6	Altı	al-TUH
7	Yedi	ye-DI
8	Sekiz	se-KIZ
9	Dokuz	do-KOOZ
10	On	ON
11	On bir	ON beer

### Essential Greetings

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Hello	Merhaba	mer-ha-BA
Good morning	Günaydın	gew-nay-DUN
Good afternoon	İyi günler	i-YI gewn-LER
Good evening	İyi akşamlar	i-YI ak-sham-LAR
Goodbye	Hoşça kal / Güle güle	hosh-CHA kal / gew-LE gew-LE
See you tomorrow	Yarın görüşürüz	ya-RUN gur-rew-shew-REWZ
Thank you	Teşekkür ederim	te-shek-KEWR e-de-RIM
You're welcome	Rica ederim	ri-JA e-de-RIM
Please	Lütfen	lewt-FEN

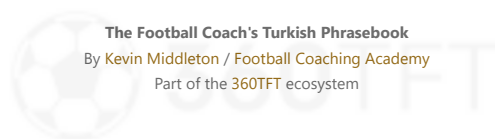
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### Emergency Phrases

English	Turkish	Pronunciation
Help!	İmdat!	im-DAT
Call a doctor!	Doktor çağırın!	dok-TOR cha-uh-RUN
Call an ambulance!	Ambulans çağırın!	am-boo-LANS cha-uh-RUN
Don't move him/her	Onu hareket ettirmeyin	o-NOO ha-re-KET et-tir-me-YIN
Stay calm	Sakin olun	sa-KIN o-LOON
Everyone stay back	Herkes geri çekilsin	her-KES ge-RI che-kil-SIN

#### Key Cultural Tips for Coaching in Turkey:

- **Hospitality (misafirperverlik)** - Accept tea and food when offered; refusing can offend
- **Respect (saygı)** - Use formal language with elders and officials
- **"Hocam"** - Players will call you this (means "my teacher/coach") - it's respectful
- **Football passion** - Turkish football is intense; embrace the energy
- **Stay neutral on clubs** - Don't pick sides in Galatasaray/Fenerbahçe/Beşiktaş rivalry
- **Physical contact** - Handshakes and shoulder pats are normal; hugging is okay for celebrations
- **Punctuality** - Be on time; Turkish professionals expect punctuality
- **Family involvement** - Family is central; be welcoming to parents



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