

LESSON NOTES

Learn Turkish in Three Minutes #1

Self Introductions

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VOCABULARY

| Turkish | English | Class |
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| tanışmak | to meet, to know | verb |
| çok | very | adverb |
| Selam | hi | expression |
| ben | I | pronoun |
| memnun olmak | to be pleased (to) | phrase |

SAMPLE SENTENCES

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| Ailenle tanışmak isterim. "I would love to meet your parents." | (Sizinle) tanışmamız çok iyi oldu. "Meeting you was very nice." |
| Evet çok açım. "Yes, I'm very hungry." | Çok tuzlu. "It's very salty." |
| Evet, çok lezzetli. "Yes, it's very delicious." | Ben Ece. Ben İstanbulluyum. "I'm Ece. I am from Istanbul." |
| Ben Türkiye'denim. "I'm from Turkey." | Beni güzel bir restorana götürür müsün? "Could you take me to a good restaurant?" |
| İşimden memnunum. "I am pleased with my job." | |

GRAMMAR

The focus of this lesson is Self Introduction in Turkish

Topic 1: How to introduce yourself in an informal situation

- Sentence from the lesson:

Selam ben Zehra. Tanıştığımıza memnun oldum.
"Hi, I'm Zehra. Nice to meet you."

1. Start by saying: *Selam ben ...*
2. Say your name: *Selam ben Zehra.*
3. You say *Tanıştığımıza memnun oldum*, "Nice to meet you."

Topic 2: How to Introduce yourself in a formal situation

- Sentence from the lesson:

Merhaba, ben Zehra Özdemir. Tanıştığımıza çok memnun oldum.
"Hi, I'm Zehra Özdemir. Nice to meet you."

1. *Selam* has been substituted with the formal greeting *Merhaba*, Turkish for "Hi."
2. *Ben Zehra* has not been changed; in both cases, *ben* means "I am," however during a formal self introduction we also say our last name, so I said Zehra Ozdemir. Here, you would say your full name.
3. Pay attention to the ending: we went from *tanıştığımıza memnun oldum* to *tanıştığımıza çok memnun oldum*. We have just added the Turkish word for "very." In a formal sentence, saying it is very nice to meet you will make it politer.

Language Tip!

When you introduce yourself, it's a good habit to shake hands. And don't worry too much about using *çok* when you meet people. You won't get in trouble if you simply say *Tanıştığımıza memnun oldum*.