

LESSON NOTES

# Learn Turkish in Three Minutes #1

## Self Introductions

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## VOCABULARY

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

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

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

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- 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!

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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*.