



Hoş Geldiniz!





September Hackney Language of the month is: **Turkish**

Speakers in Hackney Schools: 1,994

Where is it spoken?

**Turkey, Cyprus, and by vibrant communities across Europe
(especially right here in Hackney!).**

Writing System:

Turkish uses the Latin alphabet (just like English), but it has a few unique letters: Ç, Ğ, İ, İ, Ö, Ş, Ü. It does not use Q, W, or X!



Merhaba

(Mare-ha-ba)

Hello



Günaydın

(Goon-eye-dun)

Good morning



Lütfen

(Loot-fen)

Please



Teşekkürler

*(Teh-sheh-koor
eh-deh-reem)*

Thank you



Hoşça kal

(Hosh-cha kal)

Goodbye



Evet

Yes

Hayir

No



Biliyor musun? Did you know?



Did you know that the English word turquoise actually means "Turkish stone"?

It comes from the beautiful color of the Mediterranean Sea along the Turkish coast.



No "He" or "She":

In Turkish, there is no gendered grammar. The word "O" means he, she, and it.



The Longest Word:

Turkish adds suffixes to the ends of words to change their meaning.

Because of this, you can create incredibly long words, like:

Muvaffakiyetsizleştiricileştiriveremeyebileceklerimizdenmişsinizcesine (which means "As if you were from those whom we might not be able to easily make into a maker of unsuccessful ones").