

Turkish Language Recipe Cards

Ablative Case

Nouns have six cases. Nominative, Accusative, Genitive, Dative, Locative, Ablative. These are summarised together on another card.

The Ablative case is used to mean from / out of. Anything implying some movement away from the noun object. Warning, this can be quite literal, as in some examples here.

The Ablative case uses the suffix *-den* which follows e-type vowel harmony and so has variant *-dan*. Examples

Noun	Meaning	Last vowel	Ablative	Meaning
<i>Ev</i>	<i>house / home</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>Ev-den</i>	<i>from house / home</i>
<i>Okul</i>	<i>school</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>Okul-dan</i>	<i>from school</i>
<i>Otogar</i>	<i>bus station</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>Otogar-dan</i>	<i>from the bus station</i>
<i>Anıt</i>	<i>monument</i>	<i>ı</i>	<i>Anıt-dan</i>	<i>from the monument</i>
<i>Küaför</i>	<i>hairdresser</i>	<i>ö</i>	<i>Küaför-den</i>	<i>from the hairdresser</i>
<i>Izmir</i>	<i>Izmir</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>Izmir'-den</i>	<i>from Izmir</i>

A proper noun is printed with ' before any suffixes

A noun ending in a vowel has no problem with this suffix as the suffix starts with a consonant. Examples

Noun	Meaning	Last vowel	Ablative	Meaning
<i>Masa</i>	<i>table</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>Masa-dan</i>	<i>from the table</i>
<i>Ankara</i>	<i>Ankara</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>Ankara'-dan</i>	<i>from Ankara</i>
<i>Sandalye</i>	<i>chair</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>Sandalye-den</i>	<i>from the chair</i>
<i>Köprü</i>	<i>bridge</i>	<i>ü</i>	<i>Köprü-den</i>	<i>from the bridge</i>

-den (-dan) can also be used with times.

Saat bir-den From/after one o'clock

Biraz A little. *Biraz-dan* A little later

and in the form *-den beri (-dan beri)* meaning since

Saat bir-den beri bekl-iyor-um Since one o'clock I am waiting

-den (-dan) are most commonly used with nouns, but also have two uses with verbs.

...-den (...-dan) Without ...ing

...-den önce (...-dan önce) Beforeing

These ending are used on the short infinitive of the verb (just omitting the final 'k')

Examples

Verb	Meaning	S.Infinitive	Word	Meaning
<i>Yapmak</i>	<i>to do</i>	<i>Yapma</i>	<i>Yapma-dan</i>	<i>without doing</i>
<i>Vermek</i>	<i>to give</i>	<i>Verme</i>	<i>Verme-den önce</i>	<i>before giving</i>

Do not confuse a short infinitive *Yapma-* with using a negative tense *Yap-ma-*.