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
Ev	house / home	*e*	*Ev-den*	from house / home
Okul	school	*u*	*Okul-dan*	from school
Otogar	bus station	*a*	*Otogar-dan*	from the bus station
Anıt	monument	*ı*	*Anıt-dan*	from the monument
Küaför	hairdresser	*ö*	*Küaför-den*	from the hairdresser
Izmir	Izmir	*i*	*Izmir'-den*	from Izmir

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
Masa	table	*a*	*Masa-dan*	from the table
Ankara	Ankara	*a*	*Ankara'-dan*	from Ankara
Sandalye	chair	*e*	*Sandalye-den*	from the chair
Köprü	bridge	*ü*	*Köprü-den*	from the bridge

-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 three uses with verbs.
Used on the short infinitive of the verb (just omitting the final 'k')
...-den (*...-dan*)   Without ...ing
...-den önce (*...-dan önce*)   Before ....ing
Used on the verb root
...-dik-ten sonra (*-dık-tan, -duk-tan, -dük-ten*)   After ….ing
Examples

Verb	Meaning	S.Infinitive	Word	Meaning
Yapmak	to do	*Yapma*	*Yapma-dan*	without doing
Vermek	to give	*Verme*	*Verme-den önce*	before giving
Vermek	to give	*Ver*	*Ver-dik-ten sonra*	after giving

Do not confuse a short infinitive *Yapma-* with using a negative tense *Yap-ma-*.
These usages are not the same as for a verbal noun (see separate card).