Turkish Language Recipe Cards

Conjunctive Verbs – Part Two

In English, a subordinate clause is a supporting sentence within a main sentence. A subordinate clause has its own verb which is related to the verb of the main sentence. The clause is joined to the main sentence by a conjunctive word (and, which, when, who, that ...).

In Turkish, some conjunctions are used alone (see Conjunctions) while some are included with the verb of the clause to make a conjunctive verb. The clause comes first with the conjunctive suffix in the clause verb.

After ...ing

The verb root suffix is -dikten (variants -diktan, -duktan, -dükten) followed by sonra Bekle-dikten sonra after waiting

Without ...ing

The verb root suffix is *-den* (*variant -dan*) used with a negative verb. *Bekle-me-den* without waiting

Note the difference from *bekleme-k-ten* which is a verbal noun.

Before ...ing

The verb root suffix is *-meden* (*variant -madan*) followed by *önce Bekle-meden önce before waiting*Note the difference from *bekleme-k-ten* which is a verbal noun

Whenever ...ing (So long as ..., The more ...)

The verb root suffix is -dikçe (variants -dikça, -dikça, -dikçe) used in the positive $G\ddot{o}r$ - $d\ddot{u}kçe$ whenever seeing

Unless ...ing

The verb root suffix is -dikçe (variants -dikça, -dukça, -dukçe) used in the negative Gör-me-dikçe unless seeing

Gradually

Special form of 'going' Git-tikçe gradually

Rather / Quite / Somewhat

Special form of 'being' Ol-dukça rather

More examples is Conjunctive Verbs - Part One