Turkish Language Recipe Cards

Emphatic Pronouns

The ordinary pronouns Ben, Sen, O, Biz, Siz, Onlar have a more emphatic form.

Kend-im	Myself
Kend-in	Yourself
Kend-i	Himself/Herself/Itself
Kend-imiz	Ourselves
Kend-iniz	Yourself / Yourselves
Kend-ileri	Themselves

Tavuğ-u kend-imiz pişir-iyor-uz We are cooking the chicken ourselves.

The possessives also have an emphatic form.

Ben-im-ki	Mine
Sen-in-ki	Yours
On-un-ki	His / Hers / Its
Biz-im-ki	Ours
Siz-in-ki	Yours
On-lar-ın-ki	Theirs

Notice that the -ki- ending is a fixed sound, and does NOT follow vowel harmony.

- On-un-ku is not correct
- On-lar-in-ki is not correct

These pronouns can then have further endings.

- Ben-im-ki-n-den Than mine, Compared to mine (lit. from mine)
- On-un-ki-n-den Than his, Compared to his (lit. from his)

Ev-ım on-un-ki-n-den küçük My-house compared-to-his small (it is). Or, more sensibly, My house is smaller than his.