

Turkish Language Recipe Cards

Locative Case

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

The Locative case is used to mean *at/in/on*. Anything implying no movement to or from the noun object. Warning, this can be quite literal, as in some examples here.

The Locative case uses the suffix *-de* which follows e-type vowel harmony and so has variant *-da*.

Examples

Noun	Meaning	Last vowel	Ablative	Meaning
<i>Ev</i>	<i>house / home</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>Ev-de</i>	<i>in the house / at home</i>
<i>Okul</i>	<i>school</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>Okul-da</i>	<i>in / at school</i>
<i>Otogar</i>	<i>bus station</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>Otogar-da</i>	<i>in / at the bus station</i>
<i>Anıt</i>	<i>monument</i>	<i>ı</i>	<i>Anıt-da</i>	<i>at the monument</i>
<i>Küaför</i>	<i>hairdresser</i>	<i>ö</i>	<i>Küaför-de</i>	<i>in / at the hairdresser</i>
<i>Izmir</i>	<i>Izmir</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>Izmir'-de</i>	<i>in / at Izmir</i>
<i>Tepe</i>	<i>hill</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>Tepe-de</i>	<i>up / on the hill</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-da</i>	<i>on the table</i>
<i>Ankara</i>	<i>Ankara</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>Ankara'-da</i>	<i>in / at Ankara</i>
<i>Sandalye</i>	<i>chair</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>Sandalye-de</i>	<i>on / in the chair</i>
<i>Köprü</i>	<i>bridge</i>	<i>ü</i>	<i>Köprü-de</i>	<i>on the bridge</i>

You have to be precise. In English *at the table* does not mean the same as *on the table*. To make the distinction in Turkish, *at the table* requires *towards the table*. *Masa-da yemek var* *On the table food there is*.

Masa-y-a otur *To the table sit. Sit at the table*.

Similarly, if English uses *in* when really meaning *into* then Turkish requires *to/towards*.

Çöp deniz-de var *Rubbish in the sea there is*.

Deniz-e çöp at-ma-y-ınız *Into the sea rubbish do not throw*. (This sign can be found next to the Galata Bridge in Istanbul, where it has had no effect!)

-de (-da) can also be used with times.

Saat bir-de *At one o'clock*.