



Introduction to the Turkmen Language

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Hello dear invitees!

Did this music help you to get an idea of the country where you've decided to live for the next two years? It sounds like life in Turkmenistan, quiet, and calm. When you come to our country you'll see proud camels, freely roaming in the deserts, beautiful Ahal-Tekke horses and incredible hand-made wool rugs. Moreover you will see people wearing the national dresses in the streets and when you visit Turkmen homes, you'll have a chance to drink a lot of tea.

And now, let's get down to language. You know, language is one of the crucial things you need to know to be successful Volunteers. My name is Zohre. I'm the Language Coordinator of Peace Corps in Turkmenistan. I'll do my best to help you in your language study during your service here.

We are sending this CD to introduce Turkmen language to you. On the CD we have provided you with some key words, phrases and sentences along with their pronunciations. The CD follows the Turkmen scripts with their English translations.

Hopefully, you'll have a chance to learn some phrases, which may be helpful to you in the first days of your stay here. That way you will not feel completely lost, when you come to Turkmenistan. Success to you! I'm looking forward to working with you soon in Turkmenistan.

Lesson 3: The Turkmen Alphabet

Printed Letter	Name of Letter	Pronunciation
A a	“ah”	a, as in <u>f</u> ather
B b	“beh”	b, as in <u>b</u> read
Ç ç	“cheh”	ch, as in <u>ch</u> ease
D d	“deh”	d, as in <u>d</u> ay
E e	“eh”	e, as in <u>p</u> en
Ä ä	“a”	a, as in <u>c</u> at
F f	“eff”	f, as in <u>f</u> ine
G g	“geh”	g, as in <u>g</u> arden
H h	“heh”	kh, as in <u>h</u> en (but guttural)
I i	“ee”	ee, as in <u>s</u> ee
J j	“jeh”	j, as in <u>j</u> ean
Ž ž	“zheh”	as in <u>plea</u> sure
K k	“ka”	k, as in <u>k</u> ite
L l	“ell”	l, as in <u>l</u> emon
M m	“em”	m, as in <u>m</u> an
N n	“en”	n, as in <u>n</u> ote
Ň ň	“eng”	ng, as in <u>morning</u>
O o	“o”	o, as in <u>bo</u> ard
Ö ö	“ö”	ir, as in <u>gir</u> l, but rounded
P p	“peh”	p, as in <u>p</u> en
R r	“er”	r, as in <u>r</u> ed (slightly trilled)
S s	“eth”	th, as in <u>th</u> ing
Ş ş	“sheh”	sh, as in <u>wash</u>
T t	“the”	t, as in <u>t</u> ent
U u	“ooh”	oo, as in <u>soo</u> n
Ü ü	“ü”*	u, as in <u>u</u> se (close)
W w	“weh”	w, as in <u>w</u> ater
Y y	“uyi”*	y, as in <u>possi</u> ble
Ý ý	“yeh”	y' as in <u>y</u> ellow
Z z	“theh”	z, as in <u>th</u> ese
ýa		yo as in <u>y</u> oung
ýo		as <u>Y</u> our
ýu		as <u>y</u> ou
ýe		as y in <u>y</u> es

Lesson 4: Greetings

Hi! Hello!	Salam!
How are you?	Nähili?
Good.	Gowy.
Bad.	Erbet.
Good bye. Thank you. Your health.	Sag bol. (for all of them you can use one phrase)

Lesson 5: Numbers

0	nul
1	bir
2	iki
3	üç
4	dört
5	bäs
6	alty
7	ýedi
8	sekiz
9	dokuz
10	on
11	on bir
19	on dokuz
20	ýigrimi
30	otuz
40	kyrk
50	elli
60	altmyş
70	ýetmiş
80	seksen
90	togsan
91	togsan bir
100	ýüz
1000	müň

Lesson 6: Introductions

My name is Zokhre.	Meň adym Zöhre.
What is your name?	Seň adyň näme?
Where are you from?	Sen nireden?
I'm from America.	Men Amerikadan.
How old are you?	Sen näçe ýaşyňda?
I am 20.	Ýigrimi.

Lesson 7: Let's Talk

1.

- Hello.	- Salam.
- Hello.	- Salam.
- My name is Zohre. What is your name?	- Meň adym Zöhre. Seň adyň näme?
- My name is Ata.	- Meň adym Ata.
- How are you, Ata?	- Ata, nähili?
- Good. And you?	- Gowy. Sen nähili?
- Good.	- Gowy.

2.

- What is your name?	- Seň adyň näme?
- Ata. And what is your name?	- Ata. Seň adyň name?
- Zohre. Where are you from?	- Zöhre. Sen nireden?
- I am from America.	- Men Amerikadan.
- Good.	- Gowy.

3.

- Hello.	- Salam.
- Hello.	- Salam.
- My name is Zohre. What is your name?	- Meň adym Zöhre. Seň adyň näme?
- My name is Ata.	- Meň adym Ata.
- How are you, Ata?	- Ata, nähili?
- Good.	- Gowy.
- Where are you from?	- Sen nireden?
- I am from America.	- Men Amerikadan.
- How old are you?	- Sen näçe ýaşyňda?
- I am 20.	- Ýigrimi.

Lesson 8: Family

Do you have a family?	Seň maşgalaň barmy?
This is my family.	Bu meň maşgalam.
My father.	Meň kakam.
My mother.	Meň ejem.
My sibling.	Meň doganym.
My son.	Meň oglum.
My daughter.	Meň gyzym.

Lesson 9: Food

Tea	Çaý
Bread	Çörek
Meat	Et
Water	Suw
Potato	Kartoşka
Fish	Balyk
Milk	Süýt
Meal	Nahar
I like _____ .	Men _____ halaýan.
I do not like _____ .	Men _____ halamok.
What do you like?	Sen näme halaýaň?

Lesson 10: Let's Talk

1.

- What do you like? Water? Tea?	- Sen näme halaýaň? Suw? Çaý?
- I like tea.	- Men çaý halaýan.

2.

- What do you like? Fish? Meat?	- Sen näme halaýaň? Balyk? Et?
- I like fish. I do not like meat.	- Men balyk halaýan. Men et halamok.

Lesson 11: Shopping

At the bazaar.	Bazarda.
How much is it?	Näçeden?
It is expensive.	Bu gymmat.
I do not have dollars.	Mende dollar ýok.
I have <i>manats</i> .	Mende manat bar.

Colors

Red	Gyzyl
Black	Gara
Yellow	Sary
Blue	Gök
White	Ak
Green	Ýaşyl

Apartment

Where do you live?	Sen nirede ýaşaýaň?
Mir street, 34.	Mir köçe, otuz dört.
What is your telephone number?	Telefonyň näçe?
Where is the bathroom?	Tualet nirede?

Peace Corps

I'm a Volunteer.	Men meýletinçi.
Peace Corps	Parahatçylyk Korpusy
I'm a teacher of English.	Men Iňlis dili mugallymy.
I am a community health worker.	Men saglyk mugallymy.

Lesson 12: General questions

Who?	Kim?
What?	Näme?
When?	Haçan?
Where?	Nirede?
Why?	Näme üçin?
How much?	Näçe?

Useful words and expressions

Yes.	Hawa.
No.	Ýok.
Excuse me.	Bagyşlaň.
Really?	Şeýlemi?
Thank you.	Sag bol.
I need _____	Maňa _____ gerek.
I am tired.	Men ýadadym.
I don't understand.	Men düşünemok.
I don't speak Turkmen well.	Men Türkmençe gowy bilemok.
Can you repeat, please?	Gaýtalaň.
Can you speak more slowly?	Haýal aýdyň.
What is it?	Bu näme?
What is it in Turkmen?	Bu türkmençe näme?
To have and there is/are	Bar
To have not and there is/are no	Ýok

Congratulations! If you review these lessons until you are comfortable, you will have a solid start at learning Turkmen!