

DO YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT TURKISH LANGUAGE?

Turkish is spoken natively in 2 continents, but only one country

Turkey is one of the only countries that are located on two different continents. On the west side of this straight, İstanbul is officially part of Europe. However, when you cross one of the three bridges to the other side of the city, you're now standing in Asia.



Linguistically, this means that Turkish is spoken as a native language in both Europe and Asia, but it's actually only one country.

Turkish suffixes are like transformers

When a suffix is added onto a word, all of the vowels (and sometimes even the consonants) magically transform to match each other. E.g. EV+E, ADAM+A

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT

You already know some

Turkish words

The point is that there are some English words like *yogurt*, *tulip*, *pastrami*, *kebab*, *kayak*, *baklava*, and *kiosk* that are **loan words from Turkish**.

Turkish has dozens of loan words from English like *kahve* (coffee), *televizyon* (tv), and *restoran* (restaurant).

More people speak Turkish than Italian and Greek combined



According to [Boston University](#), there are 60 million native Turkish speakers throughout the world, and 15 million more who speak it as a second language. So altogether that are over **75 million people** on the planet who know Turkish.

Agglutination

The longest word in the Turkish language used in a text is "muvaffakiyetsizleştiricileştiriveremeyebileceklerimizdenmissinizcesine" which has 70 letters and 17 suffixes in it. It is derived from the noun "muvaffakiyet" and it means "As though you are from those whom we may not be able to easily make into a maker of unsuccessful ones".

Although to be honest, we got tired of counting around 15 so it might be even more.