

Turkish Language Recipe Cards

-ce -ca Suffix

The –ce (variant –ca) suffix has multiple uses.

Vowel Harmony: the suffix –ce (variant –ca) depends on the immediately preceding vowel (see e-type Vowel Harmony).

Consonant Harmony: The suffix alters to –çe (variant –ça) following the usual set of consonants (see Consonant Harmony).

Languages

–ce after a nationality gives the language of that country.

İngiliz	English (person)	İngiliz-ce	English (language)
Alman	German (person)	Alman-ca	German (language)

Some nationalities and languages do not use this form.

Diminutive

–ce after an adjective can indicate a diminutive form. In English this may be shown as the –ish suffix.

Büyük	Big	Büyük-çe	Quite big, Bigish
Zayıf	Thin	Zayıf-ça	Fairly thin, Thinish

Grouped “As a ...”

–ce after a noun can indicate grouping together.

Aile	Family	Aile-ce	As a family
Düşman	Enemy	Düşman-ca	As an enemy

Indeterminate Quantities

–ce after a plural number indicates an indeterminate collection.

Yüz	Hundred	Yüz-ler-ce	Hundreds (of)
On	Ten	On-lar-ca	Tens (of)

Adverb from an Adjective

–ce after an adjective can indicate the equivalent adverb. In English this may be shown as the –ly suffix.

Sessiz	Silent	Sessiz-ce	Silently
Hızlı	Fast, Quick	Hızlı-ca	Quickly

Opinion

–ce after a personal pronoun indicates an opinion of the person present

Ben-ce	In my opinion	Sen-ce	In your opinion
Biz-ce	In our opinion	Siz-ce	In your opinion

This may not be used in the third person. Instead use the dative case with göre

On-a göre	According to him	Ahmet'-e göre	According to Ahmet
On-lar-a göre	According to them		