

# Turkish Language Recipe Cards

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## Conjunctive Verbs – Part One

In English, a subordinate clause is a supporting sentence within a main sentence. A subordinate clause has its own verb which is related to the verb of the main sentence. The clause is joined to the main sentence by a conjunctive word (and, which, when, who, that ...).

In Turkish, some conjunctions are used alone (see Conjunctions) while some are included with the verb of the clause to make a conjunctive verb. The clause comes first with the conjunctive suffix in the clause verb.

### And

Two clauses can simply be joined by *ve*. But, if the first verb tense and personal endings would exactly match the second verb, then the first verb can be shortened to the root with suffix *-ip* (variants *-ip, -up, -üp, vowel separator y*)

*Dışarı çık-ip alışveriş-e gid-eceğ-im* I will go out and I will go (to) shopping

### By ...ing, Without ...ing to, As

The verb root suffix is *-erek* (variant *-arak, vowel separator y*).

Used with a positive main verb, it means 'by ...ing'.

*Çalış-arak* by working                      *Yürü-y-erek* by walking

Used with a negative main verb, it means 'without ...ing to'

*İste-me-y-erek* without wanting to

Used with *olmak*, it means 'as' referring to an activity

*Öğrenci ol-arak* as a student by being a student

### When ...ing

The verb root suffix is *-ince* (variants *-ınca, -unca, -ünce, vowel separator y*)

*Gel-ince* when coming                      *Gör-ünce* when seeing

### Until ...ing

The verb root suffix is also *-ince* (same variants) but followed by *kadar* and using a dative case noun.

*Ev-e gel-ince-ye kadar* until coming (to) home

### Since

The verb root suffix is *-eli* (variant *-alı, vowel separator y*). The main verb uses the past tense.

*Türkiye'-y-e gid-eli* since going to Turkey

### As Soon As ...ing

There is no single suffix. The usage is a double of the positive and the negative of the third person singular present.

*Gid-er git-mez* as soon as going

### More examples in Conjunctive Verbs – Part Two