

Watch out for common Turkish speakers' mistakes in English!

Turkish learners often use the wrong verb forms, especially *be* and *have*.

Get it right! Use:

- **am** / **'m** with *I*, **are** / **'re** with *you, they, we* and **is** / **'s** with *he, she, it*:
WRONG ~~The people is very nice.~~
CORRECT The people **are** very nice.
- **have** / **'ve** with *I, you, they, we* and **has** / **'s** with *he, she, it*:
WRONG ~~Samira have lunch at school.~~
CORRECT Samira **has** lunch at school.
- the forms **work, play**, etc. with *you, they, we* and **works, plays**, etc. with *he, she, it*:
WRONG ~~School start at 9.~~
CORRECT School **starts** at 9.

Turkish learners often forget to include a verb.

Get it right! Use:

- a verb (for example *be, have, go*) in every sentence:
WRONG ~~The kitchen very small.~~
CORRECT The kitchen **is** very small.

Turkish learners often use *is* before the main verb after *he, she, it* and forget to add **-s** to the main verb.

Get it right! Use:

- the form **works, plays**, etc. with *he, she, it*. Do not use *is*:
WRONG ~~It is cost £35.~~
CORRECT It **costs** £35.

Turkish learners sometimes use the wrong form of the verb *do* in negative sentences.

Get it right! Use:

- **don't** with *I, you, they, we* and **doesn't** with *he, she, it*:
WRONG ~~My mum don't like it.~~
CORRECT My mum **doesn't** like it.

Turkish learners sometimes use incorrect punctuation in short forms of *be* and *have*.

Get it right! Use:

- **'m, 've** or **'s** after the person:
WRONG ~~That's very nice.~~
CORRECT **That's** very nice.

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

1 ★ Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 We can't take photos because we | a play the guitar. |
| 2 I love music and I | b don't have a camera. |
| 3 Selim's house | c doesn't have a camera. |
| 4 All the hotels here | d plays the piano. |
| 5 Hasan loves music and he | e has a swimming pool. |
| 6 I don't like this phone because it | f have a swimming pool. |

2 ★ Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

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- My brother works in a restaurant on Saturdays.
- The teachers in this school very nice.
- Eren like fish.
- We to school every day.
- My uncle a doctor.
- My parents speak English.
- Mustafa to school in Istanbul.
- My dad and my uncle on our farm.

3 ★★ Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

My brother Deniz ¹ plays (play) the piano.
 He ² (be) very good. He ³
 (have) lessons with a teacher called Mr Aksoy. My family and I often
⁴ (listen) to Deniz play. He ⁵
 (love) jazz, but he ⁶ (not like) classical music.

4 ★★ Correct the underlined mistake in each sentence.

- Nur don't live in Ankara.
Nur doesn't live in Ankara.
- My brother very tall.

- The pool and the sea is very clean.

- My cousin want to visit me in the summer.

- School is start at 9.

- I 'am from Canada.

5 ★★★ Tick (✓) the correct sentences. Correct the incorrect sentences.

- In New York the buildings very tall. ☐
In New York the buildings are very tall.
- We have breakfast at 7.30. ☐

- The book is cost £100. ☐

- Hatice eat pasta every day. ☐

- Kerem doesn't play tennis. ☐

- My aunt have three horses. ☐

6 ★★★ Answer the questions about your best friend.

- Where does your best friend live?

- Who does he/she live with?

- What are his/her hobbies?

- What does he/she do at the weekend?

- Why do you like your best friend?

- What do you do together?
