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GREEN STEPS

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MY SCHOOL

We are from Ortakoy Ortaokulu. It is a middle school in Milas, Muğla.

There are about 160 students and 16 teachers in our school.

The students are between 10 and 14 years old.

Here are some photos from our school:





MY CITY: MUGLA





Muğla is a city in the southwest of Türkiye. It has a beautiful coastline with many beaches.

The weather is warm and sunny. There are many historical places to see. People can visit old castles and ruins.

Many tourists come to Muğla every year. They enjoy swimming, sailing, and exploring the nature.

HERE ARE SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR CITY



















WE ARE 630 KM AWAY FROM ISTANBUL



WE HAVE 2 AIRPORTS IN THE CITY: MILAS/BODRUM AND DALAMAN AIRPORTS



















THE POPULATION IS
AROUND 1 MILLION IN
WINTER
AND OVER 4 MILLION IN
SUMMER WITH TOURISTS.

MY COUNTRY, TÜRKIYE

Türkiye is a country in both Europe and Asia. Türkiye was founded in 1923 and is a secular country.

The capital city is Ankara, but the largest city is Istanbul.
About 85 million people live in Türkiye.

The country has a rich history with many ancient sites, like Ephesus and Troy.

The official language is Turkish.
The currency is Turkish Lira.

Education is mandatory from primary school until the end of high school.

The weather is warm in the summer and cold in the winter.

Türkiye is known for its beautiful landscapes, from beaches to mountains.

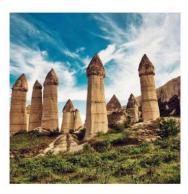
MOST FAMOUS TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN TURKIYE

GÖREME NATIONAL PARK AND THE ROCK SITES OF CAPPADOCIA

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, this park encompasses the unique rock formations, cave dwellings, and ancient churches of Cappadocia.









Hagia Sophia

Originally a Byzantine church, later converted into a mosque, and then a museum, Hagia Sophia is an architectural marvel and an iconic symbol of Istanbul.

It serves a mosque again.







Blue Mosque (Sultan Ahmed Mosque)

Known for its stunning blue tiles adorning its interior walls, the Blue Mosque is an architectural masterpiece and a significant religious site in Istanbul.



Topkapi Palace (Istanbul)

Once the residence of Ottoman sultans, Topkapi Palace is now a museum showcasing Ottoman artifacts, including jewels, weapons, and ceremonial attire.



Ephesus (Selçuk)

Once a thriving ancient Greek city, Ephesus is now an archaeological site featuring well-preserved ruins such as the Library of Celsus, the Temple of Artemis, and the Great Theater.











SAFRANBOLU

The historic Turkish city is famous for its Ottoman architecture and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is known for its well-preserved houses and cobblestone streets.



Troja

Trojan city, also known as Troy, a legendary ancient Anatolian city famous in Greek mythology for the Trojan War. It is located near the Dardanelles Strait in modern-day Türkiye and is known for the myth of the Trojan Horse.



Pamukkale (Denizli)

Known for its terraces of white travertine terraces filled with mineral-rich thermal waters,
Pamukkale is a UNESCO
World Heritage Site and a popular destination.





One of the most famous tourist destinations of our country with its historical places and nice beaches.







Some Photos from Antalya

















Mount Nemrut (Adıyaman)

Home to colossal statues and ancient tomb monuments dating back to the 1st century BC, Mount Nemrut offers stunning sunrise and sunset views.



Sümela Monastry

Located in the Maçka district of Trabzon province, the Sümela Monastery is a Greek Orthodox monastery nestled into the steep cliffs of the Pontic Mountains.



Göbekli Tepe

World's oldest known temple complex, predating Stonehenge.
Located in southeastern Türkiye, it's a UNESCO site revealing ancient rituals and monumental stone pillars.











Turkish cuisine is known for its fresh ingredients and bold spices.

Some key ingredients include:

- Olive oil: Used in salads, cooking, and dips like hummus.
- Yogurt: Yogurt is commonly used in many dishes, bringing a creamy texture and a tangy taste.
- Grains: Bulgur wheat and rice are commonly used in pilafs and stuffed dishes.



• Herbs and spices: Including mint, parsley, cumin, paprika, and sumac, adding depth of flavor.

Meze (Appetizers)

 Meze are small dishes served as appetizers or alongside drinks.

Examples include:

- Patlican Salatasi: A smoky eggplant dip with yogurt, garlic, and olive oil.
- Sarma: Grape leaves stuffed with a mixture of rice, pine nuts, and herbs.
- Hummus: A creamy dip made from chickpeas, tahini, lemon juice, and garlic.









Main Courses

- Turkish main meals are full of flavor and satisfying, often including grilled meats and delicious stews.
- Some popular dishes include:
 - Kebabs: Skewered and grilled meats, such as Adana kebab (spicy minced meat) and shish kebab (marinated chunks of meat and vegetables).
 - Köfte: Turkish meatballs made from ground meat, onions, and spices.
 - Güveç: A slow-cooked stew usually made with meat, vegetables, and aromatic herbs.

Desserts

- Turkish desserts are a sweet conclusion to any meal, often featuring honey, nuts, and delicate pastries.
- Examples include:
 - Baklava: Thin layers of crispy pastry stuffed with nuts and sweetened with syrup or honey.
 - Künefe: A delightful dessert made with thin pastry layers, cheese, and sweet syrup.
 - Turkish Delight (Lokum): Soft, chewy confections flavored with rosewater, citrus, or nuts.







Beverages

- Turkish cuisine offers a variety of refreshing and warming beverages.
- Some popular choices include:
 - Turkish tea (çay): Served hot in small tulip-shaped glasses, often accompanied by conversation and hospitality.
 - · Ayran: A yogurt-based drink, perfect for cooling down on a hot day.

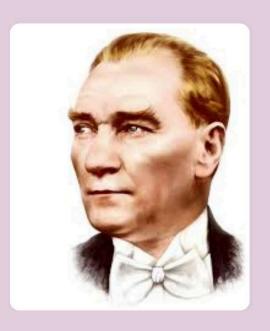
 Turkish coffee: Strong and aromatic, traditionally served in small cups with a side of Turkish delight.



SOME FAMOUS PEOPLE FROM TURKIYE

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk

- Founder of the secular Turkish Republic.
- In 1981, the centennial of Atatürk's birth,
 his memory was honoured by the <u>United</u>
 <u>Nations</u> and <u>UNESCO</u>, which declared it
 The Atatürk Year in the World describing
 him as "the leader of the first struggle
 given against <u>colonialism</u> and
 <u>imperialism</u>".



Aziz Sancar

• Nobel Prize-winning biochemist known for his work on DNA repair.



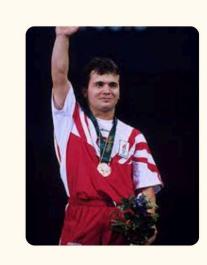
Orhan Pamuk

 Nobel Prize-winning author known for his novels exploring Turkish identity and culture..



Naim Süleymanoğlu

Legendary weightlifter
 nicknamed "Pocket Hercules" for
 his remarkable strength and
 multiple Olympic gold medals.



Fazıl Say

 Renowned pianist and composer recognized for his fusion of Western classical music with Turkish folk melodies.



Turkish Women's National Volleyball Team • "Sultans of the Net" won the Volleyball Nations League championship in July in

- Texas, and became the world's top rated women's national team, according to FIVB.
- The team won 22 consecutive games between June 29 and September 24 in 2023. In that period, it completed the final stage of the Nations League, European Championship and Olympic Qualification Round / FIVB World Cup matches undefeated.



Mete Gazoz

 Mete Gazoz, a Turkish recurve archer, has made history by winning gold at the 2020 Olympics and the 2023 World Archery Championships.



Arda Güler

- One of the youngest talents.
- He is a professional footballer who moved to La Liga at the age of 18 and plays for Real Madrid and the Turkish national team.



