

SCENE 20 • GRAMMAR

Gençtim, gençtiniz

Past states in photos

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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Past states in photos

For a past noun or adjective state use **idi**, usually attached as **-dı, -di, -du, -dü**. After a vowel add **y**. Examples are **gençti, evliydi**. The same sound rules as the location suffix change d to t after voiceless sounds.

All persons are **gençtim, gençtin, gençti, gençtik, gençtiniz, gençtiler**. Negative forms use **değildi**: **değildim, değildin, değildi, değildik, değildiniz, değildiler**.

This past tense says how a person or place was. Action past is taught in module nine. Earlier photo phrases **çocukken**, as a child, and **oturuyordum**, I used to live, are recognition chunks here. **Evli** and **bekâr** do not change for male or female learners.

Form	Example	Meaning
gençtim	Ben gençtim.	I was young.
gençtin	Sen gençtin.	You were young, familiar.
gençti	O gençti.	He was young.
gençtik	Biz gençtik.	We were young.
gençtiniz	Siz gençtiniz.	You were young, polite.
gençtiler	Onlar gençtiler.	They were young.
değildim	Ben evli değildim.	I was not married.
değildiniz	Siz evli değildiniz.	You were not married, polite.

Ben gençtim.

I was young.

Sen gençtin.

You were young, familiar.

O gençti.

He was young.

Biz gençtik.

We were young.

Siz gençtiniz.

You were young, polite.

Onlar gençtiler.

They were young.

Ben evli değildim.

I was not married.

Siz evli değildiniz.

You were not married, polite.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Ben gençtim.

Meaning: I was young.

2 Sen gençtin.

Meaning: You were young, familiar.

3 O gençti.

Meaning: He was young.

4 Biz gençtik.

Meaning: We were young.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Ben _____.

- ☐ (A) gençtim
- ☐ (B) gençtik
- ☐ (C) gençtin

Meaning: I was young.

2 Sen _____.

- ☐ (A) gençtin
- ☐ (B) gençti
- ☐ (C) gençtim

Meaning: You were young, familiar.

3 O _____.

- ☐ (A) gençtim
- ☐ (B) gençti
- ☐ (C) gençtik

Meaning: He was young.

4 Biz _____.

- ☐ A gençtiniz
- ☐ B gençti
- ☐ C gençtik

Meaning: We were young.

5 Siz _____.

- ☐ A gençtiniz
- ☐ B gençtiler
- ☐ C gençtim

Meaning: You were young, polite.

6 Onlar _____.

- ☐ A gençtiler
- ☐ B gençtin
- ☐ C gençtim

Meaning: They were young.

7 Ben evli _____.

- ☐ A değildik
- ☐ B değildin
- ☐ C değildim

Meaning: I was not married.

8 Siz evli _____.

- ☐ A değildiler
- ☐ B değildim
- ☐ C değildiniz

Meaning: You were not married, polite.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

gençtim gençti

O _____.

Meaning: He was young.

gençtiniz gençtik

Biz _____.

Meaning: We were young.

gençtim gençtiniz

Siz _____.

Meaning: You were young, polite.

gençtim gençtiler

Onlar _____.

Meaning: They were young.

değildin değildim

Ben evli _____.

Meaning: I was not married.

değildim değildiniz

Siz evli _____.

Meaning: You were not married, polite.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 gençtim Ben burada.

Meaning: I was young here.

- 2 burada. gençtin Sen

Meaning: You were young, familiar here.

- 3 burada. O gençti

Meaning: He was young here.

- 4 gençtik Biz burada.

Meaning: We were young here.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 I was young. You say:

- (A) Ben gençtin.
(B) Ben gençtim.

2 You were young, familiar. You say:

- ☐ A Sen gençtim.
- ☐ B Sen gençtin.

3 He was young. You say:

- ☐ A O gençti.
- ☐ B O gençtim.

4 We were young. You say:

- ☐ A Biz gençtik.
- ☐ B Biz gençtiniz.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① Ben gençtim. | ① A I was not married. |
| ② Ben evli değildim. | ② B You were young, polite. |
| ③ Sen gençtin. | ③ C We were young. |
| ④ Siz gençtiniz. | ④ D You were not married, polite. |
| ⑤ Siz evli değildiniz. | ⑤ E They were young. |
| ⑥ Biz gençtik. | ⑥ F I was young. |
| ⑦ O gençti. | ⑦ G You were young, familiar. |
| ⑧ Onlar gençtiler. | ⑧ H He was young. |