

SCENE 1 • GRAMMAR

Ben komşuyum

People and nominal sentences

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

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People and nominal sentences

A pronoun stands for a person: **ben**, I; **sen**, familiar you; **o**, he, she or it; **biz**, we; **siz**, polite or plural you; **onlar**, they. The subject is the person the sentence talks about. Turkish has no grammatical gender: no masculine or feminine forms. An adjective describes a noun. Plural means more than one person or thing. The same sentence suits Lukas and Lena.

For I, you and we, a personal ending replaces English am, are:

komşuyum, komşusun, komşu, komşuyuz, komşusunuz, komşular.

A singular third-person noun predicate can have no ending. A singular noun refers to one person or thing. After a vowel, a linking **y** appears in first-person forms.

Vowel harmony follows the last vowel. For two-way endings, **a, ı, o, u** take **a** and **e, i, ö, ü** take **e**. For four-way endings, **a, ı** take **ı**; **e, i** take **i**; **o, u** take **u**; **ö, ü** take **ü**. Thus **yeniyim** and **komşuyum**. Say **siz** to an adult you do not know well, **sen** to Elif and Tekir.

Form	Example	Meaning
komşuyum	Ben komşuyum.	I am a neighbour.
komşusun	Sen komşusun.	You are a neighbour, familiar.
komşu	O komşu.	He is a neighbour.
komşuyuz	Biz komşuyuz.	We are neighbours.
komşusunuz	Siz komşusunuz.	You are a neighbour, polite.
komşular	Onlar komşular.	They are neighbours.
yeniyim	Ben yeniyim.	I am new.
yenisiniz	Siz yenisiniz.	You are new, polite.

Ben komşuyum.

I am a neighbour.

Sen komşusun.

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He is a neighbour.

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You are a neighbour, polite.

Onlar komşular.

They are neighbours.

Ben yeniyim.

I am new.

Siz yenisiniz.

You are new, polite.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Ben komşuyum.

Meaning: I am a neighbour.

2 Sen komşusun.

Meaning: You are a neighbour, familiar.

3 O komşu.

Meaning: He is a neighbour.

4 Biz komşuyuz.

Meaning: We are neighbours.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Ben _____.

- ☐ A komşuyum
- ☐ B komşusun
- ☐ C komşuyuz

Meaning: I am a neighbour.

2 Sen _____.

- ☐ A komşusunuz
- ☐ B komşusun
- ☐ C komşuyum

Meaning: You are a neighbour, familiar.

3 O _____.

- ☐ A komşuyuz
- ☐ B komşuyum
- ☐ C komşu

Meaning: He is a neighbour.

4 Biz _____.

- ☐ A komşular
- ☐ B komşuyuz
- ☐ C komşusun

Meaning: We are neighbours.

5 Siz _____.

- ☐ A komşuyuz
- ☐ B komşusunuz
- ☐ C komşuyum

Meaning: You are a neighbour, polite.

6 Onlar _____.

- ☐ A komşusun
- ☐ B komşuyum
- ☐ C komşular

Meaning: They are neighbours.

7 Ben _____.

- ☐ A yenisin
- ☐ B yeniyiz
- ☐ C yeniyim

Meaning: I am new.

8 Siz _____.

- ☐ A yeniyiz
- ☐ B yenisiniz
- ☐ C yeniyim

Meaning: You are new, polite.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

komşuyum komşu

O _____.

Meaning: He is a neighbour.

komşusun komşuyuz

Biz _____.

Meaning: We are neighbours.

komşuyum komşusunuz

Siz _____.

Meaning: You are a neighbour, polite.

komşuyum komşular

Onlar _____.

Meaning: They are neighbours.

yenisin yeniyim

Ben _____.

Meaning: I am new.

yeniym yenisiniz

Siz _____.

Meaning: You are new, polite.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 burada. komşuyum Ben

Meaning: I am a neighbour here.

- 2

Meaning: You are a neighbour, familiar here.

- 3

Meaning: He is a neighbour here.

- 4

Meaning: We are neighbours here.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 **I am a neighbour. You say:**

- ☐ A Ben komşuyum.
☐ B Ben komşusun.

2 You are a neighbour, familiar. You say:

- ☐ A Sen komşuyum.
- ☐ B Sen komşusun.

3 He is a neighbour. You say:

- ☐ A O komşuyum.
- ☐ B O komşu.

4 We are neighbours. You say:

- ☐ A Biz komşusun.
- ☐ B Biz komşuyuz.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| ① Siz yenisiniz. | Ⓐ You are a neighbour, polite. |
| ② Sen komşusun. | Ⓑ You are new, polite. |
| ③ Ben komşuyum. | Ⓒ They are neighbours. |
| ④ O komşu. | Ⓓ I am new. |
| ⑤ Biz komşuyuz. | Ⓔ You are a neighbour, familiar. |
| ⑥ Onlar komşular. | Ⓕ He is a neighbour. |
| ⑦ Siz komşusunuz. | Ⓖ We are neighbours. |
| ⑧ Ben yeniyim. | Ⓗ I am a neighbour. |