

Welcome to Turkey

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Connections

Writing

Write an acrostic poem about Turkey. Each letter in *Turkey* begins a line of your poem.

Social Studies

Read to learn more about something related to Turkey that interests you. Create a poster to share what you learned with your class.

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Focus Question

Where is Turkey? What are some things that make it a special country?

Words to Know

borders

enjoy

explore

famous

special

villages

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Title page: Children wave Turkish flags.

Page 3: Many shops in Turkey sell beautiful lanterns.

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Introduction

Welcome to Turkey!

Turkey is a **special** country.



Turkish flag

Turkish girl
with her doll



dolls in Turkish
clothing



Turkish children dancing at a festival



All About Turkey

Most of Turkey is in Asia.

A small part of the country is in Europe.

More than eighty-two million people live in Turkey.

Do You Know?

Turkey is one of only five countries with land on two continents!

The sea **borders** Turkey on three sides.



Fishing is important to Turkish people.



A bridge leads to Istanbul, the biggest city in Turkey.

Living in Turkey

Some people in Turkey live in small **villages**.



Children play on a city street in Turkey.



A group of children pass by rice fields in Turkey.



Two children walk home from school in a Turkish town.

People who live in different parts of Turkey have different ways of life.

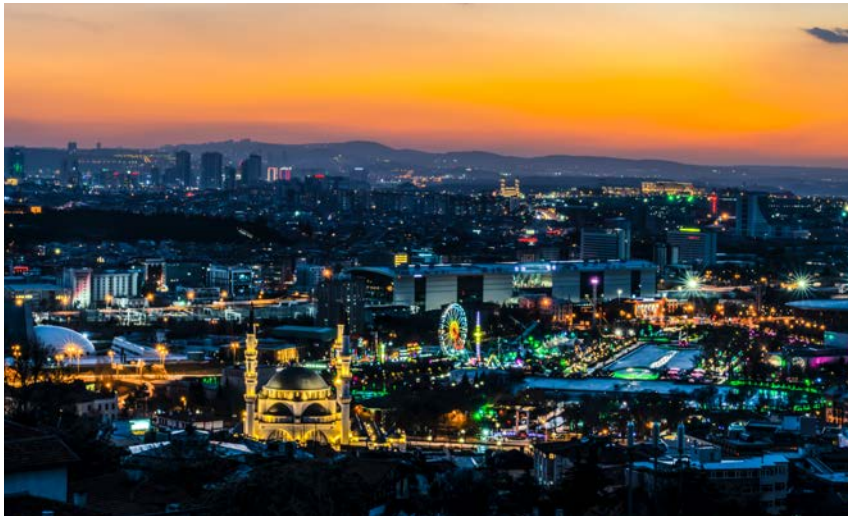


There are at least fifty thousand villages in Turkey. Many children live in villages with their families.

Some people in Turkey live
in big cities.



There are about fifteen million people in Istanbul!



The capital of Turkey is Ankara.



Mountains rise near the Black Sea in Turkey.

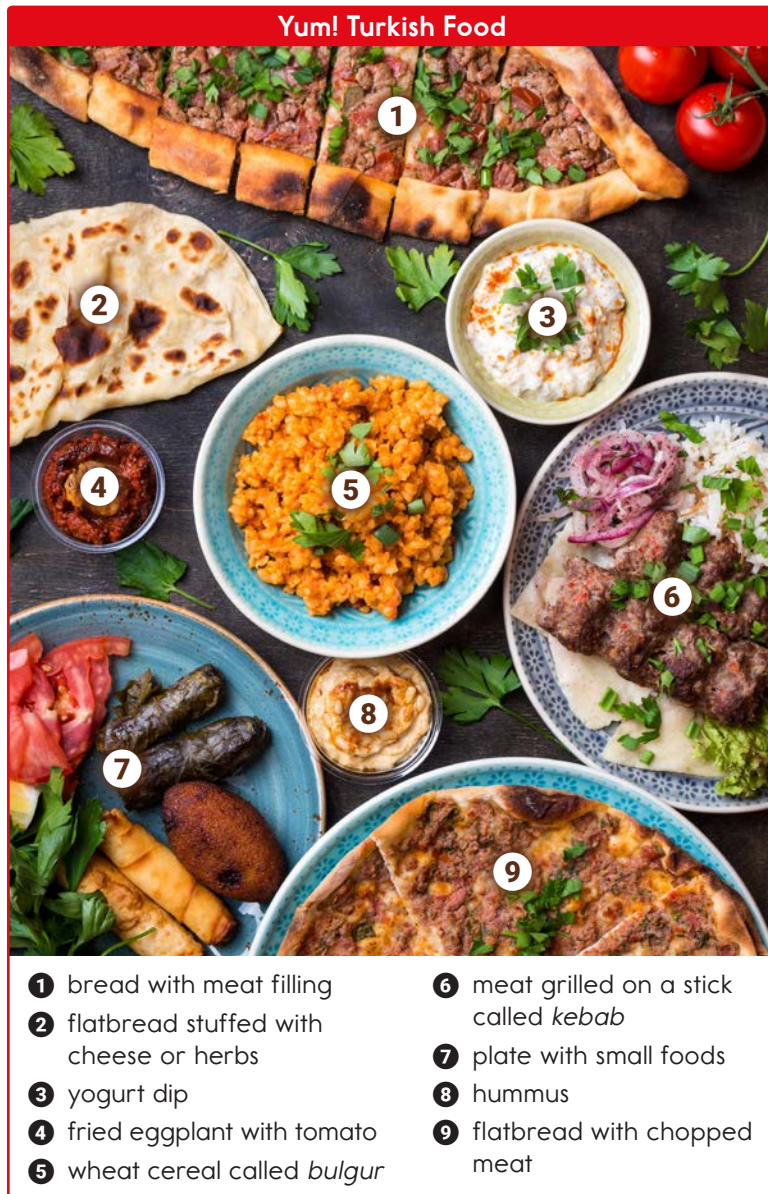


The water is very clear along many Turkish beaches.

The weather is different
all over Turkey.
Some places are very cold.
Other places are warm and sunny.

Eating in Turkey

Turkey is **famous** for its food.



People in Turkey **enjoy** eating different kinds of food.

The best part about food in Turkey is the dessert!



Soft candy comes in many colors and flavors (left). A baked treat made of dough, nuts, and syrup is a popular dessert (right).

More About Turkey

Different groups of people have lived in Turkey for a long time.



Hot-air balloons fly over very old caves where people used to live.



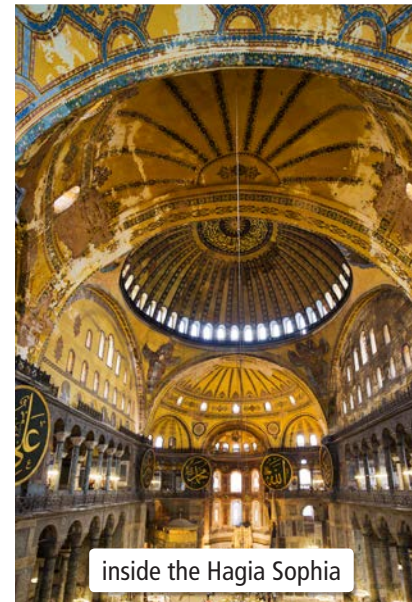
People lived in this city thousands of years ago.



old ruins



hot springs



inside the Hagia Sophia



ruins in Ephesus

Millions of people go to Turkey each year.

They **explore** special places and look at works of art.

They learn about its history and ways of life.

Conclusion

Now you have learned a lot about Turkey.

Do you see what makes it so special?

children from a small village



an old theater



outside the Hagia Sophia



boys in a park

Quick Turkey Facts

Official name: Republic of Turkey	Main language: Turkish
Land: 784,000 sq km (303,000 sq. mi.)	Name of money: Lira
Capital city: Ankara	

Glossary

borders (v.) is next to another country, state, or area (p. 6)

enjoy (v.) to be happy to do something (p. 12)

explore (v.) to learn about an area by traveling over or through it (p. 14)

famous (adj.) well-known (p. 11)

special (adj.) better than or different from normal (p. 4)

villages (n.) communities of people that are smaller than towns (p. 8)