**Sound Events of Turkish**

Consonant Softening

1. When an affix which begin with a vowel added to the word ended with “p, ç, t, k” consonants, these consonants are softened and they change as “b, c, d, ğ”:

*hitap-ı>hitabı, kilit-i>kilidi, taç-ın>tacın, erik-e>eriğe….*

Consonant softening of proper nouns ended with consonants “p, ç, t, k” can be seen in pronunciation. It can’t be seen in written language:

Ahmet’in (Ahmedin), Ayşe Peltek’in (Ayşe Pelteğin), Çetin Emeç’e (Çetin Emece)…

1. Generally this situation can’t be seen in monosyllable words ended with “p, ç, t, k” consonants:

Saç-ı>saçı, süt-e>süte, şut-un>şutun,

1. When words ended with “nk” take an affix which begin with vowel, consonant “k” change as “g”:

Ahenk-i>ahengi, denk-i>dengi, renk-in>rengin….

1. When west-origin words ended with “g” take an affix which begin with vowel, consonant “g” change as “ğ”:

*Biyolog-u>biyoloğu, diyalog-un>diyaloğun, psikolog-a>psikoloğa…*

**Deletion of Narrow Vowel**

Narrow vowel in last syllable of some words is deleted when these words take an vowel affix:

Ağız-ım>ağzım, burun-u>burnum, şehir-i>şehri…

This situation can’t be seen in reduplications:

Ağızdan ağza, burun buruna, omuz omuza…

**Reducing Effect of Consonant “y”**

1. When base or stem of verbs ended with “a” or “e” vowels take an affix “-yor”, vowel “a” change as “ı” or “u”; vowel “e” change as “i” or “ü”. This situation can be seen in written:

Haşla-yor>haşlıyor, kalk-ma-yor>kalkmıyor, bil-me-yor>bilmiyor…

1. When verbs “demek” and “yemek” take an affix –yor and take an affix which begin with vowel, merger consonant “y” is added between vowels and vowel “e” change as “i”:

De-yor>diyor, ye-yor>yiyor, de-y-ecek>diyecek, ye-y-ecek>yiyecek…

But the vowel “e” in the words *deyince, deyip* remains the same.

1. When words which last sound is “a” or “e” take an affix like –ecek, -en, -erek etc. consonants of these words become narrow. But this situation can be seen only pronunciation. It can’t be seen in written:

Bekleyecek (bekliycek), ağlayan (ağlıyan), başlayarak (başlıyarak)…

Word Stress (Syllable Stress)

One syllable of a word is pronounced more stressful than other syllables. This situation is named as word stres.

Word stress in Turkish has a special place. Because word stress affects meaning in Turkish. For example, if the first syllable of the word “tekrar” is stressed, it means “again”; if the second syllable is stressed, it means “repeat”. There are lots of words like that in Turkish. For example, “dizi”, “kart”, “yalnız” etc. According to the stress of these words, the meaning changes.

Generally, the last sylablle of words are stressful in Turkish:

Ba*ba*, an*ne*, a*ğaç*, ka*lem*, yap*rak*…. But some words are out of this situation. There are some specific words which stress aren’t in the last syllable:

* Place names: İs*tan*bul, *An*kara, *İz*mir, *İz*mit, *Bo*lu, Ma*lat*ya, Al*man*ya…

Stress is on the first syllable in two syllables place names: *Mar*din, *Kon*ya, *Ri*ze…

* Most of adverbs: *ön*ce, *son*ra, *ya*rın, *şöy*le, *as*la…
* Words of address and most of exclamations: *e*vet, *ha*yır, *ya*hu…

Stress of words or proper nouns is in another syllable in normal pronunciation but this stress comes to the first syllable in case of address: *Meh*met! *As*ker! Hey *dos*tum!...

* Names of foreigner: *Le*nin, *Kaf*ka, *Tols*toy, *Hit*ler…
* Names of languages: *Türk*çe, A*rap*ça, Fran*sız*ca…
* Verbs with –ma/-me negation particle: *bak*ma, *gel*me, dü*şün*me…
* Words with diminutive suffix: *kü*çücük, *u*facık, *mi*nicik….
* Nouns with –gil suffix: ha*lam*gil, am*cam*gil, da*yım*gil…
* Words with –ca/-ce equative: *ben*ce, *sen*ce, in*san*ca…
* Words with –dır/-dir copular: öğren*ci*dir, doğ*ru*dur…
* Words with –la/-le suffix: u*çak*la, ara*bay*la, ka*lem*le…
* Words with –ken suffix: so*rar*ken, gi*der*ken, ge*lir*ken…
* Words with –madan/-meden suffix: u*yan*madan, dü*şün*meden, *gel*meden…
* Words with –yor suffix: bi*li*yor, an*lı*yor…
* Verbals with –arak/-erek suffix: yürü*ye*rek, ko*şa*rak…
* Verbals with –dıkça/-dikçe suffix: yaşa*dık*ça, gör*dük*çe…

Stress can’t be searched in monosyllables.