

2.4- Making Turkish Nouns Plural with plurilazer suffixes "ler,lar"

There are two different suffixes that are added to the end of the nouns in order to pluralize them. These suffixes are chosen in accordance with Turkish vowel harmony rules. The suffixes "ler" and "lar" are added to the end of a noun according to its last vowel.

Eight Turkish vowels are divided into two groups as **front vowels** (dotted vowels) which are "E, İ, Ö, Ü" and **back vowels** (undotted vowels) which are "A, I, O, U" and this rule will be called as the **First vowel harmony rule** throughout this book. A Turkish noun is pluralized by adding the pluralizer suffixes **at the end of it**. Turkish words whose last vowel is one of the vowels in **front vowels** group are pluralized by adding the suffix "-ler" and the words whose last vowel is one of the vowels in **back vowels** group are pluralized by adding the suffix "-lar"

Turkish vowel harmony rules are definitely the most important subject in Turkish grammar that must be learnt deeply at the beginning of Turkish language acquisition process. Now let's have a look at the examples in the table below.

Last letter is A (LAR)			Last letter is I (LAR)		
NOUN	PLURAL FORM	MEANING	NOUN	PLURAL FORM	MEANING
Araba	Arabalar	Car	Ağrı	Ağrılar	Pain
Çanta	Çantalar	Bag	Işık	Işıklar	Light
Çorba	Çorbalar	Soup	Kaygı	Kaygılar	Concern
Masa	Masalar	Table	Tatlı	Tatlılar	Dessert
Kafa	Kafalar	Head	Tasarı	Tasarılar	Plan
Last letter is O (LAR)			Last letter is U (LAR)		
NOUN	PLURAL FORM	MEANING	NOUN	PLURAL FORM	MEANING
Ot	Otlar	Grass	Koku	Kokular	Smell
Şablon	Şablonlar	Template	Soru	Sorular	Question
Papyon	Papyonlar	Dickey bow	Boru	Borular	Pipe
Pantolon	Pantolonlar	Trouser	Korku	Korkular	Fear
Kupon	Kuponlar	Coupon	Dul	Dullar	Widow
Last letter is E (LER)			Last letter is İ (LER)		
NOUN	PLURAL FORM	MEANING	NOUN	PLURAL FORM	MEANING
Ev	Evler	House	Kedi	Kediler	Cat
Gece	Geceler	Night	Kimlik	Kimlikler	ID card
Cümle	Cümleler	Sentence	Çit	Çitler	Fence
Dede	Dedeler	Grandfather	Kilit	Kilitler	Lock
Ses	Sesler	Sound	İklim	İklimler	Climate
Last letter is Ö (LER)			Last letter is Ü (LER)		
NOUN	PLURAL FORM	MEANING	NOUN	PLURAL FORM	MEANING
Asansör	Asansörler	Elevator	Kömür	Kömürler	Coal
Tümör	Tümörler	Tumor	Çözüm	Çözümler	Solution
Göz	Gözler	Eye	Gün	Günler	Day
Söz	Sözler	Promise	Güç	Güçler	Power
Göl	Göllere	Lake	Tül	Tüller	Tulle