

If you can't go out, why not travel the world from home?
This week we travel to Turkey.



Where in the world?

Turkey is officially called the Republic of Turkey.

Turkey is a large peninsula that bridges the continents of Europe and Asia.

It is surrounded on three sides by the Black Sea, the Mediterranean Sea, and the Aegean Sea. Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey, is built on land in the Bosphorus seaway. The city is partly in Europe and partly in Asia.

The capital city of Turkey is Ankara.



Revani Cake

Revani cake is a classic Turkish dessert made from semolina, sugar and flour. Flavours such as rose water, vanilla and coconut can be added. Once the cake is cooked, it is soaked in a sugar syrup.

Watch Balthazar make his version of the cake. You could even have a go yourself.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0bfykrn/my-world-kitchen-series-2-10-balthazars-turkish-revani-cake>



Mustafa Kemal Atatürk

'Father of the Turks'

Atatürk was the first president of the Republic of Turkey from 1923 – 1938. He is known for being the leader who freed his people from being ruled by other countries.

Find out more about him here:

https://kids.kiddle.co/Mustafa_Kemal_Ataturk

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Ataturk/471263>

Mimar Sinan

Find out about Sinan who designed the Selimiye Mosque in Edirne in the North West of Turkey. He was the chief architect in the Ottoman Empire.

<https://www.1001inventions.com/feature/suleymaniyeh/>



Have a go at designing your own dome with some of these Mosque crafts:

<https://intheplayroom.co.uk/mosque-crafts/>

Turkish

The main language spoken in Turkey is Turkish.

The Turkish alphabet has 29 letters –
8 vowels and 21 consonants.

Aa Bb Cc Çç Dd Ee
Ff Gg Ğğ Hh Iı İi
Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo
Öö Pp Rr Ss Şş Tt
Uu Üü Vv Yy Zz

Have a go at learning some numbers here:

<https://wp.dinoling.com/turkish-for-kids/turkish-lessons-numbers/>

Have a go at learning the names for some animals here:

<https://wp.dinoling.com/turkish-for-kids/turkish-lessons-animals-1/>

Find out more...

- Which countries share a border with Turkey?
- Find out about some of the food people in Turkey eat.

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/countries/article/turkey>