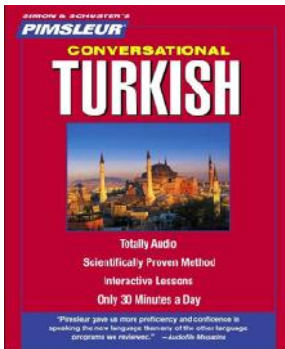


Pre-Arrival Language Learning?

You're not expected or required to begin language study before you arrive. But if you're eager to learn some Turkish, here are a few ideas...

The main thing you want to do is listen, listen, listen. The more your ear becomes attuned to the sounds and intonation of the language, the better you will be able to pronounce it once you get here.

We would encourage you NOT to speak aloud or mimic what you hear before you come, even though these two programs suggest/insist that you do. Save your speaking until you arrive here and can get feedback from a native speaker, so that you don't develop bad pronunciation habits – they're very hard to break.



Pimsleur's **Conversational Turkish**

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Great for listening anywhere. It teaches practical, useful phrases and dialogues for a beginner. Go to the Pimsleur site (www.pimsleur.com) for more information, but purchase it elsewhere, because they don't sell this 16-lesson set online. Amazon carries it for about \$33.



If you have the time and interest to sit at the computer, we recommend **The Rosetta Stone**. This is an interactive computer program which children can use as well. You can download a demo from their site

(<http://www.rosettastone.com>), but for purchase, go to <http://www.mti.org> (the PILAT folks). They have been offering it to workers for \$100, instead of the regular \$195.

The drawbacks: You can't just turn it on and let it play in the background – you need to *do it*. And due to the learning philosophy, it doesn't begin with useful phrases or greetings.