

## TOPICAL NOTEBOOKS

You may want to organize your notebook alphabetically by topic on loose-leaf pages. When you learn about a new topic, start a new topical reference page by writing down the vocabulary you have been working on. Then note and add more vocabulary that you hear whenever that subject is discussed. Some vocabulary you will want to learn to use yourself; some of it you will just want to be able to recognize when you hear it. You can keep adding new things to these pages for months and years to come. Each topic may have many subdivisions; the samples on the next pages give you an idea of some possibilities.

### Ideas for Different Pages in a Topical Notebook

Food	Restaurants
Cooking	Post Office
Eating	Banks and Money
Housing	Recreation
Housekeeping	Sports and Games
Clothing	Music
Paraphernalia	Photography
Family	Medicine and Health
Human Relationships	Dentistry
Human Qualities and Stages of Life	Barber and Beautician
Time	Cosmetics and Toiletries
Weather and Climate	Hygiene, Contraception, Abortion
Geography	Office
Animals	Business
Birds	Agriculture
Plants and Trees	Shops and Tools
Language	Law
Thinking	Police / Crime
Numbers and Math	Government / Politics
Colors	Media
Shapes	Religion
Substances and Materials	Education
Containers	Disasters
Emotions	War / Military
Body and Its Functions; Vulgarities	Energy
Manipulations	Death
Transportation	
Hotels	

## Sample Topical Notebook Pages

These two samples are simply to give you an idea of what a topical reference page might look like (for someone who is learning English). You may or may not want to have the English meaning listed with your Turkish words and categories. It is better to add pages and words as you learn them naturally and in context in the course of your study and interactions, rather than starting out with a “pre-set” English list of words. Sometimes a set of words from your picture dictionary or from a description of something by your helper will form a natural group of words for which a page might be set up.

### Sample #1 **TOPIC: EATING**

<b>Dishes &amp; Utensils</b>	<b>Meals</b>	<b>Adjectives</b>	<b>Verbs</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
glass	appetizers	delicious	chew	baker
cup	breakfast	spicy	diet	chef
saucer	brunch	sweet	dine	cook
coffee mug	buffet	tart	drink	gourmet
plate	course	sour	eat	
bowl	dessert	bitter	munch	
fork	dinner	dry	nibble	
knife	lunch	moist	sip	
spoon	picnic	rich	swallow	
carving knife	snack	hungry	taste	
serving spoon	supper	famished		
serving dish	smorgasbord	full		
platter		starved		
napkin		thirsty		

### Sample #2 **TOPIC: POST OFFICE**

<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Nouns &amp; Adjectives</b>	<b>Verbs</b>
carrier	address	address
clerk	airmail	cancel
mailman	stamp	deliver
postman	envelope	fill out
postmaster	box	forward
sorter	book rate	insure
	certified mail	lick
	C.O.D.	post
	package	pick up
	first class, etc.	receive
	junk mail	register
	letter	seal
	mail	send
	money order	stamp
	zip code	
	parcel post	
	registered mail	
	return address	
	stamp	
	UPS	