TEACHER LESSON PLAN

Lesson Title: Our Flag: The Turkish Flag – Reading & Speaking

Level: A1–A2

Duration: 40 minutes

Skill Focus: Reading, Speaking, Cultural Awareness

Theme: Our Flag / National Values (MEB First Lesson Theme)

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1. Learning Objectives

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- understand a short dialogue about the Turkish flag in a school context
- identify why the Turkish flag is displayed in many places
- answer simple comprehension questions
- speak briefly about national symbols and respect

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2. Target Vocabulary

- **flag**
- **nation**
- **unity**
- **freedom**
- **respect**
- **symbol**
- **country**
- **everywhere**

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3. Materials

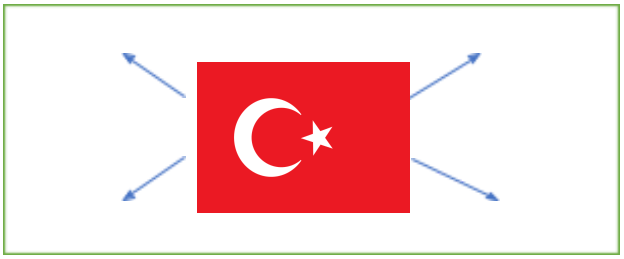
- Student worksheet
- Board/smartboard
- Turkish flag visuals (optional)

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4. Lesson Procedure (40 Minutes)

A. Warm-up / Lead-in /Brainstorming (5 minutes)

- The **TURKISH FLAG** on the board
- Ask students to say words they associate with it.
- Accept single words or short phrases.
- Write key vocabulary on the board.



B. Pre-Reading (5 minutes)

- Introduce target vocabulary using visuals or gestures.
- Focus on meaning, not grammar.
- Drill pronunciation chorally.

C. While-Reading – First Reading (5 minutes)

- Ask a general question:
  Where are Ali and Anna?
- Students read the dialogue silently and find the answer

D. While-Reading – Second Reading (5 minutes)

- Teacher reads aloud with natural intonation.
- Students follow.
- Pair reading: one student is Ali, one is Anna.

E. Post-Reading – Comprehension (7 minutes)

- Students answer short-answer questions individually.
- Check answers orally.
- Encourage simple complete sentences.

F. Speaking – Role Play (8 minutes)

- Students work in pairs.
- Student A: Turkish student
- Student B: International student
- Focus questions:
    - Why is the flag everywhere?
    - How do people show respect?
- Teacher monitors and supports.

G. Closure – Writing & Values (5 minutes)

- Students write one sentence about respecting the Turkish flag.
- Volunteers read aloud.
- Reinforce **respect, unity, and national values.**

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5. Homework / Cultural Extension

- Read the anecdote about Atatürk and respect for flags.
- Be ready to answer next lesson:
  Why is respect for the flag important in Turkish culture?

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6. Assessment

- Observation of participation
- Accuracy of short answers
- Speaking effort during role play

Reading & Speaking Worksheet – Turkish Flag (A1–A2)

Name: _____ Date: _____

PRE-READING – BRAINSTORM

TURKISH FLAG

👉 What words come to your mind?

Words:



READING – DIALOGUE

Read the Dialogue and find the answer:

- *Where are Ali and Anna?*

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Ali: Hello! Welcome to our school.
Anna: Thank you. I'm happy to be here. I'm an international student.
Ali: Nice to meet you, Anna. Come on, let me show you around our school.
Anna: Thank you! I can see the Turkish flag everywhere. It looks very beautiful.
Ali: Yes, we display it in many places.
Anna: That's nice, but why is it everywhere?
Ali: Because it represents ***our nation, unity, freedom, and history.***
Anna: I see. Why do people respect it so much?
Ali: Because it is **a symbol of our country and our identity**. **It reminds us of our ancestors and independence.**
Anna: Is there anything special people do for the flag?
Ali: Yes. We never let it fall on the ground or get damaged. We always show respect.
Anna: I understand now. Flags are very important.

AFTER READING – SHORT ANSWER

Answer shortly.

1. Who is the international student?

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2. What does the Turkish flag represent?

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3. Why don't people put the flag on the ground?

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POST-READING – ROLE PLAY

Work in pairs.
Student A: As Ali
Student B: As Anna

CLOSING – WRITING

Write **ONE sentence**.
Use **3 new words** you learned today.
👉 Why should we respect the Turkish flag?
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FURTHER READING – HOMEWORK



Atatürk and Respect for Flags

After the liberation of İzmir, a foreign flag was placed on the ground for Atatürk to step on. He refused and said that a flag is the symbol of a nation's independence and must always be respected. He ordered the flag to be lifted from the ground.

Be ready to answer next lesson:

👉 Why is respect for the flag important in Turkish culture?