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Lesson 2: Say "You're Welcome" in Turkish Rica ederim.

LESSON NOTES

In this lesson, we'll continue to learn more phrases that will help you with basic etiquette. Turkish people are very hospitable. They use phrases of gratitude quite often. Even though you may not get the chance to use *Bir şey değil* (the phrase for "You're welcome") during your trip to Turkey, there's a very good chance you'll hear it. So let's have a closer look at it!

In Turkish, "You're welcome" is *Bir şey değil*.

Literally this means "nothing at all."

The word *şey* means "thing."

Bir means "one." When you put it in front of *şey*, it can mean "something." *bir şey*

The next word, *değil* means "not." It changes the word "something" into the word "nothing."

You can also respond to someone who has thanked you by using *Rica ederim*. This means "You are welcome."

The first word, *rica*, means "request."

The second word, *ederim*, means "to give."

You might sometimes hear *Sorun değil*, which means "No problem."

This phrase starts with the word *sorun*, which means "problem."

Next we have *değil*, meaning "not."

You can emphasize *Sorun değil* by adding *hiç*, which means literally "at all."

You could say *Hiç sorun değil*, "No problem at all," a stronger expression than just *Sorun değil*.

Remember:

Bir şey değil means "It's nothing" or "Not at all." *Sorun değil* means "No problem."

And *Rica ederim* means "You're welcome."

Of the expressions we have seen, please keep in mind that you can use Rica ederim and Bir şey değil in any situation, formal or informal, while Sorun değil tends to be used in more informal occasions.

PHRASES

Turkish	English
Rica ederim.	You're welcome.
Bir şey değil.	It's nothing.
Sorun değil.	No problem.
Hiç sorun değil.	No problem at all.

QUICK TIP

The phrase Rica ederim has one more use, actually. We had a look at it in this lesson. When you want to say "You're welcome," Rica ederim can be used as a set phrase after Teşekkürler. The second meaning of Rica ederim is "Please" or "Here you go," "There you go" and can be used, for example, when giving or offering something to somebody, or when asking somebody NOT to do something.