

Related or Not? Loanwords, Cognates and False Friends in English and Turkish

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Target audience: This video is aimed at students of linguistics and related fields, as well as anyone interested in language contact, vocabulary development and cross-linguistic similarities. It is especially suitable for viewers with basic knowledge of linguistics who want to learn more about loanwords, cognates, false friends and phonotactic differences between languages in an engaging and accessible way.

Teaser comment: Why do English and Turkish - two languages from completely different language families - share so many similar-looking words? In the quiz show “*Related or Not?*”, we explore how language contact, borrowing and phonotactic rules shape vocabulary across languages. Through interactive quiz rounds and clear explanations, the video helps viewers distinguish between cognates, loanwords and false friends while showing how languages adapt borrowed words to their own sound systems.