

# **London's Languages** **Syracuse Symposium**

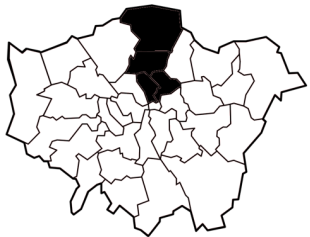


# **TURKISH** **Language Passport**

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*Place of Origin:*  
**Turkey**



*London boroughs  
most spoken in:*  
**Enfield, Hackney,  
Haringey, Islington**

## *Some facts about Turkish:*

- before 1928, Turkish was written using a specific form of Arabic writing; it now has a specialised Latin script
- the Turkish language has 8 vowels
- the village of Kuşköy (province of Giresun) have been using a whistled dialect of Turkish for over 400 years

# Idioms Exercise

Review the phrases below. Speaking with your group (but without Googling!), guess the meaning of each idiom.

Phrase: *kafamı açma*

Literal Translation: don't open my head

What we think it means: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phrase: *Keçileri kaçırmış*

Literal Translation: losing the goats

What we think it means: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phrase: *Alın yazısı*

Literal Translation: it is written on your forehead

What we think it means: \_\_\_\_\_

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