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Furkan and Yaman Talk About Turkey

Yaman Duveroglu and Furkan Guzel are both foreign exchange students from Turkey who are attending Mahar in the 2005-2006 school year. *World Language Press* interviewed the two boys on their experiences in America and its comparison to Turkey.

WLP:Where do you live in Turkey?
Y: I live in Ankara.
F: I am from Istanbul

WLP:What do you think of the America school system?
F: I attended public school too but what I found different about school here is that in Turkey we stay in the same classrooms all day and the teachers come to us instead of how in America, we go from class to class.
Y: I'm from a private school in Turkey so that it is very different.

WLP:Do you get credit for being here?
F:I do not get any class credits. I have already graduated from high school.
Y: The same holds true for me.

WLP:What are some major differences between the US and Turkey?
Y: The drinking age is much lower.
F: I will go out with my friends after school and we will hang out or go have a drink.

WLP: When did you learn to speak English?
F: I learned fairly recently.
Y: I learned a long time ago.

WLP: Are there any foods you can't eat?
F: We can't eat pork because we are Muslim

WLP: Have you played on sports teams in your home country?
Y: Playing on the soccer team here was my first team experience. At home we play for fun but not in high school.

WLP: What do you do for fun in Turkey?
F: We go to the local club teams' soccer games.
Y: We hang out with our friends and play games.

WLP: Is the technology in different in Turkey than it is within the United States?



Y: We have cell phones and computers just like Americans.
F: More people use cell phones now following the earthquake in 1999 because people got scared and now they like to know where their loved ones are.

WLP: How does the food vary between Turkey and the United States?
F: The breakfasts here are different and not so fancy during the school week. They are more bland and unsubstantial.
Y: I would have to say cheesecake is my favorite food here. I had never eaten it in Turkey.

WLP: What has been your overall impression of America?
F: We like it here but it will be nice to go home. I miss my friends and family. Different parts of America differ so we can only judge what we've see here in Orange.

