Republic Day

Seviye A2–B1 · Okuma · Yazma

Warm-up

- How do you celebrate 29 October?
- What do you think “republic” means?

Reading

Every year on 29 October, Türkiye celebrates Republic Day. On this date in 1923, the Republic of Türkiye was declared, and Mustafa Kemal Atatürk became its first President. Two weeks earlier, on 13 October 1923, Ankara became the new capital city.

Republic Day is one of the most important national holidays in Türkiye. Streets, buildings and balconies are decorated with red and white Turkish flags and pictures of Atatürk. Schools hold ceremonies where students read poems and sing the 10th Year March (Onuncu Yıl Marşı). In the evening, many cities have concerts, lantern parades (fener alayı) and fireworks.

In 2023, Türkiye celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Republic with big events all over the country.

For many people, the day is a chance to remember the past and to think about the future together.

Vocabulary

English	Türkçe	Example
declare	ilan etmek	*The country declared its independence.*
capital	başkent	*Ankara is the capital of Türkiye.*
national holiday	milli bayram	*Schools are closed on national holidays.*

ceremony	tören	*The ceremony started at ten o'clock.*
parade	geçit töreni, yürüyüş	*We watched the parade in the main street.*
anniversary	yıl dönümü	*It is my parents' tenth wedding anniversary.*

Language focus

Kalıp	Örnek
Past Passive	The Republic was declared in 1923.
Present Passive	Streets are decorated with flags every year.
Sıra sayıları	first, second, tenth, 100th (hundredth)

Discussion

1. What is your favourite Republic Day tradition?
2. Why is it important to remember national history?
3. How did your city celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Republic?

Tasks

Choose the correct answer. *(Doğru seçeneği işaretleyin.)*

1. When was the Republic of Türkiye declared?

   a) 23 April 1920
   b) 29 October 1923
   c) 13 October 1923
   d) 10 November 1938

2. Which city became the capital in 1923?

   a) Istanbul
   b) İzmir
   c) Ankara
   d) Bursa

Fill in the blanks. *(Boşlukları doldurun.)*

3. The Republic _____ (declare) on 29 October 1923.

4. Every year, streets _____ (decorate) with flags.

Write True (T) or False (F). *(Doğru mu yanlış mı?)*

5. In 2023, Türkiye celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Republic. ( )

6. On Republic Day, streets are decorated with blue and white flags. ( )

Write your answers. *(Cevaplarınızı yazın.)*

7. Write a short Republic Day message (3–4 sentences) for your school board.