



Istanbul Gelişim University

### School of Foreign Languages' Monthly Bulletin

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### Latest News of SOFL



- Track 3 Quiz 1 and Progress test exams were conducted.
- Track 4 Quiz 1 exam dates were announced.



#### Our school's principal Dr Şahin Gök attended the 15. SOFL EXECUTIVES' MEETING in Bartın University.



### May 1st



### Mother's Day



## May 19th



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Atatürk'ü Anna Gençlik ve Spor Bayramı kutlu olsun.

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#### How to improve English learners' self confidence

- Encourage a positive learning environment: Foster a supportive and non-judgmental classroom or learning environment where students feel comfortable making mistakes and expressing themselves in English.
- Provide constructive feedback: Offer specific and constructive feedback on students' English skills, highlighting their strengths and areas for improvement. This helps them understand their progress and builds confidence.
- Set achievable goals: Break down language learning into smaller, attainable goals for students. Celebrate their achievements along the way, reinforcing their confidence in their abilities.
- Offer opportunities for success: Design activities and assignments that allow students to succeed and showcase their English skills. This could include presentations, group discussions, debates, or creative projects.



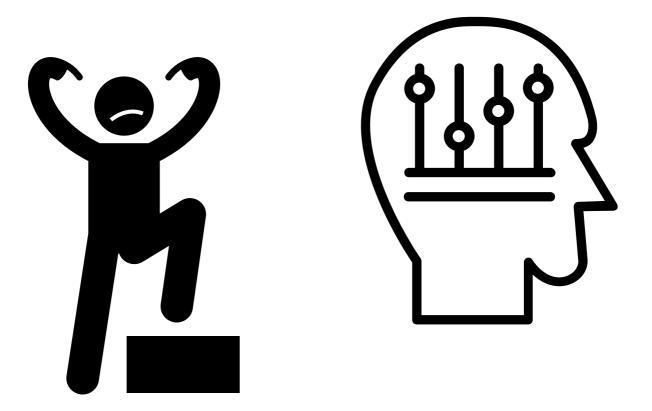
### How to improve English learners' self confidence

- Use positive reinforcement: Praise students' efforts, progress, and participation in English. Acknowledge their hard work and improvement, which boosts their confidence and motivates them to continue.
- Incorporate interactive activities: Engage students in interactive language activities such as role-plays, simulations, or games. These activities provide a low-pressure environment for students to practice English and gain confidence.
- Encourage self-expression: Encourage students to express their thoughts and opinions in English. This can be done through class discussions, debates, or writing assignments. Listening to and valuing their ideas helps them build confidence in communicating in English.
- Offer support outside the classroom: Provide additional resources, such as online language learning platforms, recommended books, or language exchange programs, that students can utilize outside of class to further develop their English skills.



#### How to improve English learners' self confidence

- Celebrate diversity: Embrace and celebrate the diverse linguistic backgrounds of your students. Encourage them to share their cultural experiences and languages, fostering an inclusive and supportive atmosphere.
- Be a supportive teacher: Finally, be an approachable and supportive teacher. Show genuine interest in your students' progress, provide guidance, and be available for any questions or concerns. Your support can significantly impact their confidence in learning English.



### Lahmajun party in our campus



In SFOL, we support our instructors' academic endeavors.



#### Webinars

Webinars and events take place on a regular basis because the need for being up to date when it comes to teaching in the 21st century, makes seminars an inseparable part of professional development. For a detailed list of webinars on English language teaching, you can visit the following website: https://webinars.eltngl.com

Our instructor Ege İbrahim MÜLAYİM presented a research paper at the conference " Literatures in English" on May 5th in Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University:



"Recently, at the "Literatures in English" academic conference hosted by Namık Kemal University, I had the chance to share my research on the intriguing relationship between two literary concepts: intertextuality and mise en abyme. My talk, delivered to an assorted audience of colleagues, undergraduate and graduate students, and professors from the university's English Language and Literature department, focused on how these concepts are specifically enacted in The Hours (1998), a novel by Michael Cunningham. This valuable experience will undoubtedly contribute to my ongoing exploration in this field, and I am eager to delve deeper into these issues in the future."

Yahya Kamal Mohammad Mostafa

Seminar - Dec.2021

Kutahya Dumlupinar University





Melisa Yaman

ELTOC- March 2023

**Oxford University** 





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Workshop-Assessing learning May 2023

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# **Our School On Social Media**

As always, our school was very active on social media to announce important events or celebrate public or national and international holidays. Here, we will take a lot at some of them without any explanation because sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words!





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