

School of Foreign Languages' Monthly Bulletin

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Latest News of SOFL



WHAT'S
NEW?

- **Erasmus exam was conducted on 12.06.2022**
 - **Track 4 Progress Test was conducted on 20.06.2020**
 - **IGUGET was introduced and conducted on LMS .**
 - **Track 4 Progress Test make-up exam was conducted.**
 - **IGU YET exam due date was announced by SOFL.**
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Professional developement Unit

Training Session: Classroom Interaction

Events and Seminars

SOFL instructors participated in a training session named "Classroom Interaction" which was conducted by Mr.Amir Hamidi on Zoom.

The session suggested points on how to handle a classroom in an interactive way. The impotence of pair/group work was discussed.Cooperative Learning which is another crucial factor in an interactive classroom ,was also discussed in the session.



Professional development Unit

Training Session: Classroom Interaction


Zoom Toplantı

Amir Hamidi ekranı görüntüleyorsunuz Görüntü Seçenekleri

FARNAZ SABETİ Amir Hamidi ÖZGE DEMİR Pinar Aslan SERCAN DOĞAN ARI...

Tips on elicitation

- Use it regularly
- Don't try to 'pull teeth'.
- Acknowledge or give feedback.
- Provide sufficient context or information.
- Learners can elicit from each other,
- At lower levels, more guided questioning is needed. Open-ended questions should be avoided

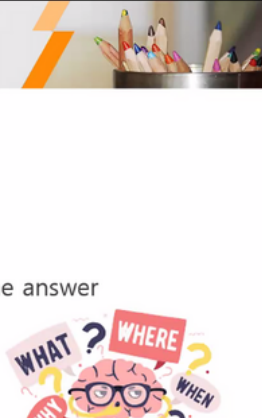


Zoom Toplantı

ECEM ARISOY SERCAN DOĞAN ARI... HAMDI A.S. JARADA MÜCAHİT YILMAZ SÜMEYRA MÜRVE... Helin Göktaş

Important considerations

- Thinking time
- Introducing hands-down questions
- Shifting spotlight
- Answer capacity cards
- Ask, nominate, ask how the others feel about the answer
- Mini whiteboards
- Here is the answer! What is the question?
- Phone a friend




Zoom Toplantı

HAMDI A.S. JARADA MÜCAHİT YILMAZ SÜMEYRA MÜRVE... Helin Göktaş Ege Mülayim

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The other end of the line



Our Staff's Academic Activities

In SFOL, we support our instructors' academic endeavors. Here is a list of our instructors who participated in academic events:

<u>Name of the Lecturer</u>	<u>Academic Event</u>	<u>Date of the Event</u>	<u>Description of the Event</u>	<u>Type of Participation</u>
Helin Göktaş	How to motivate students online in large groups Online	11.06.2022	Workshop	Certificate of Attendance

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>

World Environment Day

People celebrate World Environment Day (WED) in many different ways all over the world: planting trees, cleaning up local beaches, organising meetings, joining online protests. Each year the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) chooses a particular issue to focus on. One year it might be forests, another year it might be wildlife. And each year there is a new host; a city which is the centre point for all the celebrations.

How it first started

The United Nations (UN) named 5 June as international World Environment Day at the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment in 1972. The idea was to draw attention to the many problems that are facing our environment. They wanted to include as many people, organisations and governments, both local and national, as possible. They wanted to show that positive change is possible when people work together to fight for a common cause.





World Impact Ranking 2022
Quality Education - (SDG4)

16TH IN THE WORLD
1ST IN TURKEY



Ecological, Economic and Social Sustainability

#THEGlobalImpact

Gelişim University ranks 1st in Turkey in 'The Impact Ranking 2022' where it rises higher ranks every year.

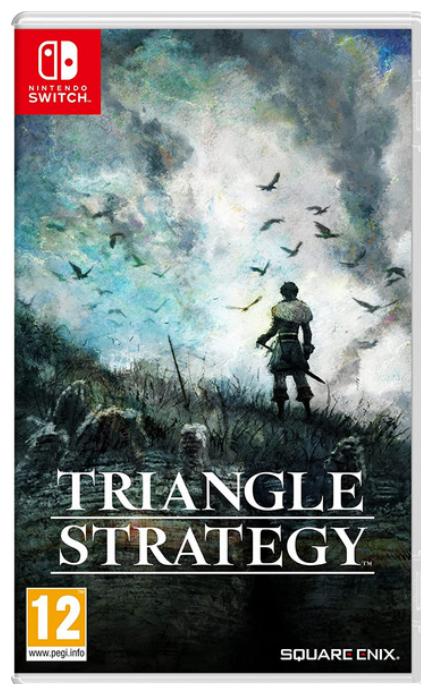
Video Games to Keep You Learning Through Summer

The academic year has ended at IGU. However, not having active English lessons does not mean the learning is over. On the other hand, a year's worth of academic endeavours deserve a relaxing summer break. Therefore, we have picked two video games that will help you keep practising English while having fun. While making the selections, we have paid attention to choose titles that have strong narrative focuses and involve a lot of dialogues and alternative paths to choose from.

1. *Triangle Strategy* by Square Enix

Available Platforms: Nintendo Switch

The first entry on this list caters to learners that like to take the story at their own pace and not feel overwhelmed with paying hefty prices for choices that they did not intend to make. Even though the pacing of the story is significantly slower in *Triangle Strategy* compared to *The Quarry*, learners' choices still matter significantly in how the story is told. The unique game mechanic *Triangle Strategy* is marketed with is that the player is tasked with choosing a path for the story to go and convince other game characters to choose the same path as the learner.



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Dilemmas are at the heart of *Triangle Strategy*. At certain sections of the game, the player is given two scenarios to choose from. Neither of them are necessarily good or bad. The choice is left to the player. Players choose the option that they think is the best. Consequently, the learner will be doing a lot of information analysis and come to conclusions with the information available to them.

2. *The Quarry* by Supermassive Games

Available Platforms: PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5, Xbox One, Xbox Series X and Series S, Microsoft Windows

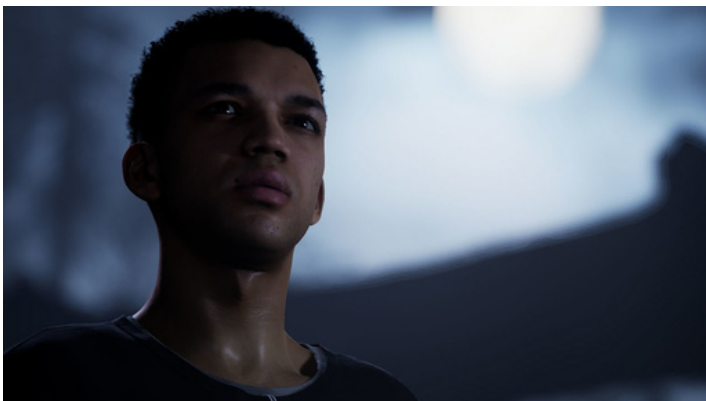
The Quarry is one of those titles that plays more like a film rather than a hands-on video game. The game even has a mode where the player can watch events unfold in the most tragic way without having to play any section. However it is very rewarding to play the game and creating your own experience through your choices, *The Quarry* changes its narrative quite drastically and provides a variety of different endings based on player's choice.

The story of *The Quarry* takes place in a remote summer camp where a group of teenagers spend their last night at the campsite before they all go their separate ways. Since this is a horror game, it is to be expected that things do not go according to plan. Without spoiling the story a lot, *The Quarry* is very similar to Supermassive Games' previous teenage horror video game *Until Dawn*. There are definitely supernatural elements that elevate the intensity and the urgency of the horror.



Video Games to Keep You Learning Through Summer

Playing a narrative-focused video game where your decisions alter the story being told is an incredible way to practise language comprehension. Learners constantly engage in the story by listening to English conversations. Comprehension is easier with subtitle options. What makes video games better than movies for learners is that while playing the video game, the learner has to listen to the conversation to be able to make choices that they think suit the situation the best. There are no right or wrong answers. The only correct choice is the one player makes. Therefore, the learner is intrigued to see where their choices take the story.



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 look at some of them without any explanation because sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words!



Listening To Podcasts Will Help You Speak English Better

There are five aspects to speaking English: vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, fluency, and accuracy. Listening to native English speakers improves these aspects of speaking in ways that you may not have thought about.

Listening to Podcasts Improves Vocabulary

A person's vocabulary is all the words that that person understands or knows the meaning of. The more words you know, the larger the vocabulary that you have, and the easier it is for you to speak. Giving listeners the opportunity to learn new words is one way that podcasts improve listeners' ability to speak. Learning vocabulary in lists is boring, ineffective, and outdated. Instead, you have a much better chance to remember vocabulary that you've learned in context. Podcasts provide that context.

Listening to Podcasts Improves Grammar

Grammar is the system of rules that govern how words are put together to form sentences. Grammar is important because it helps us understand each other. It helps everyone use the same structures so that we know what to expect. That way, we can understand when we're hearing a question, when we're talking about something that happened in the past, and so on. listening to native English speakers gives learners the opportunity to acquire the language rather than learn it. Repeated exposure to native English gives a learner many examples of correct ways to structure a sentence. It helps the learner form expectations about what sounds 'right' and what doesn't. Then, when speaking, the learner can draw on these examples to create their own speech.

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Listening to Podcasts Improves Pronunciation

Pronunciation refers to how words are spoken. It includes the intonation a person uses, voicing, and stress.

There isn't a 'right' accent, so there also isn't a 'right' way to pronounce words. Still, English learners do need to pronounce words close enough to how a listener expects to hear them if they want to be understood.

When we listen to native speakers pronounce words, we get better at pronouncing ourselves. For example, a common 'mistake' that learners make is that they put stress on the wrong syllable or on the wrong word in a sentence.

Podcasts help by guiding listeners to stress the correct syllable in a word or the right word in a sentence.

Listening to Podcasts Improves Fluency

Fluency refers to the ability of a person to speak smoothly, at speed, and without stopping to think too much. Fluency is not necessarily speaking correctly (that's accuracy). It's just speaking without being slow and without long pauses. Some studies have found that listening improves fluency. In one study, Iranian high school students were assigned to either listen to podcasts after their English class or not. The students who listened to the podcasts did better on speaking tests and got better ratings for fluency.

There are so many great things about podcasts: you can listen to them whenever you want and you don't need other people, you can do them on your own, you can listen to topics you're interested in, and you can learn a bunch of new things other than just English. Podcasts help us acquire language in a way similar to how babies by focusing on making meaning from language input.

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Some podcasts for learning English:

- All ears English podcast
- Luck's English podcast
- Speak better English with Harry
- Espresso English podcast



**Learn
English**

