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Latest News of SOFL

MARCH

NEWS

UPDATE



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- **Spring term IGUYET 6 exam was held on 08.03.2023**
 - **Track 1 Quiz 2 (Online Book) exam was active between 13.03.2023 and 27.03.2023. Track 2 Quiz 2 exam was active between 27.03.2023 and 12.04.2023. The class codes were shared with class representatives.**
 - **Track 3 Quizez were held between 20.03.2023 -22.03.2023**
 - **Track 1 and Track 2 Quiz 1 exams of late enrolled students were held online via ALMS.**
 - **Spring term IGUYET 7 exam was held on 15.03.2023 at 16.00**
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8th March



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HAPPY

8th March

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



21 March



Improve your Reading Comprehension in English

Find Your Reading Corner

The right reading environment should fit with your learning style. The right spot will increase your focus and concentration. Consider four factors:

- **Atmosphere:** Is there sufficient lighting? Do you have a comfortable chair?
- **Distractions:** Is there enough quiet? Have you muted or turned off your phone?
- **Location:** Is this spot convenient to things you need?
- **Schedule:** Have you given yourself enough time to complete the reading and assignments?



Preview the Text

Survey the material and ask some questions before you start reading. What's the topic? What do you already know? What can you learn from the text from any table of contents, glossary, or introduction? What do titles, subheadings, charts, and graphs tell you?



READING

Improve your Reading Comprehension

Use Smart Starting Strategies

When you start reading, don't let the text overwhelm you. Use these strategies to keep your reading assignment under control.

- **Break up the reading:** If an assignment seems daunting, break it into bite-sized sections.
- **Pace yourself:** Dense material, such as that in textbooks, can be tough to read. Manage your time well and schedule regular breaks.
- **Check for understanding:** As you read, occasionally ask yourself if you understand what is being communicated. If not, you may need to go back and reread a paragraph or section.



Highlight or Annotate the Text

Watch for important terms, definitions, facts, and phrases and highlight them or add annotations within the document—digitally if you're on a computer. However, don't get carried away with the highlighting.

If you would rather not use a highlighter, try to annotate the text with notes in the margins or in comment mode, or underline key phrases. Also, look for and mark the main idea or thesis.



Improve your Reading Comprehension

Take Notes on Main Points

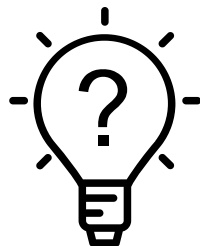
This is different from highlighting because you can take your own notes separately. Here are a few note-taking strategies:

- **Have your own style:** Try bullet points, mind mapping, outlines, or whatever method works for you.
- **Turn subtitles into questions:** By making section headers into questions, that can help you find the answers.
- **Summarize as you read:** After reading a paragraph, write a sentence to summarize the paragraph's main points. Is the author's thesis supported? Is an opposing view introduced?



Write Questions as You Read

Asking questions can help your comprehension. The tactic also works when reading. Ask questions in your notes—who, what, when, where, how—and then look for answers as you continue. That helps you understand what you read.



Our Staff's Academic Activities

In SFOL, we support our instructors' academic endeavors.



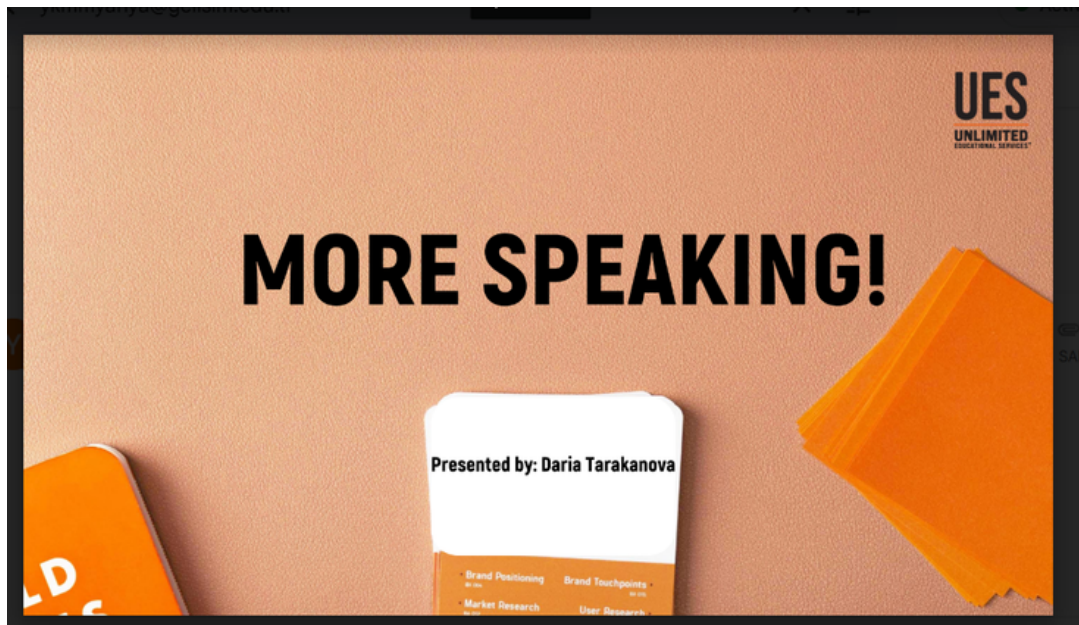
Webinars

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 Staff's Academic Activities

In SFOL, we support our instructors' academic endeavors. Three training sessions are arranged by Foreign Language Courses Unit for this semester for our SOFL instructors. two of the trainings have been held on Zoom so far.



Our Staff's Academic Activities

Zoom Toplantı

Darısı ekranını görüntüleyebilirsiniz Seçenekleri Görünüle

Muzisyenler için Orijinal Ses Kapalı

Evidence

How strong is the evidence?

Are all the points made by the author supported by evidence?

Does the writer avoid making unsupported generalisations?

Is there a clear distinction between fact and the author's opinion?

Are citations used? If so, are the cited sources trustworthy and recent?

If it is a research article, is the methodology valid (e.g. sample size, method of sampling)? Are the limitations clear? Are the results consistent with the objectives?

Assumptions/bias

What assumptions has the writer made? Are they clear to the reader? Are they valid?

Does the writer represent the ideas of others accurately?

Is the writer's language neutral? Does the writer use **tentative language** (e.g. *It appears that...* *This may be caused by...*) and avoid the use of emphatic words/phrases (e.g. *It is obvious...* *Clearly...* *Of course...*)?

Does the writer avoid using emotional language and dramatic images?

Are the examples representative and free from bias?

Sesi aç Videoyu Başlat Katılımcılar Sohbet Ekran Paylaşımı Kaydet Reaksiyonlar Uygulamalar Beyaz Tahtalar

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Zoom Toplantı

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myaman Helin Göktaş Öykü Doğa Uygun Ege Mülayim Gulsum Yılmaz Husena Kubanç

Surface approach

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Readers focus on the sign (text itself)=
Meaning of the text

Deep approach

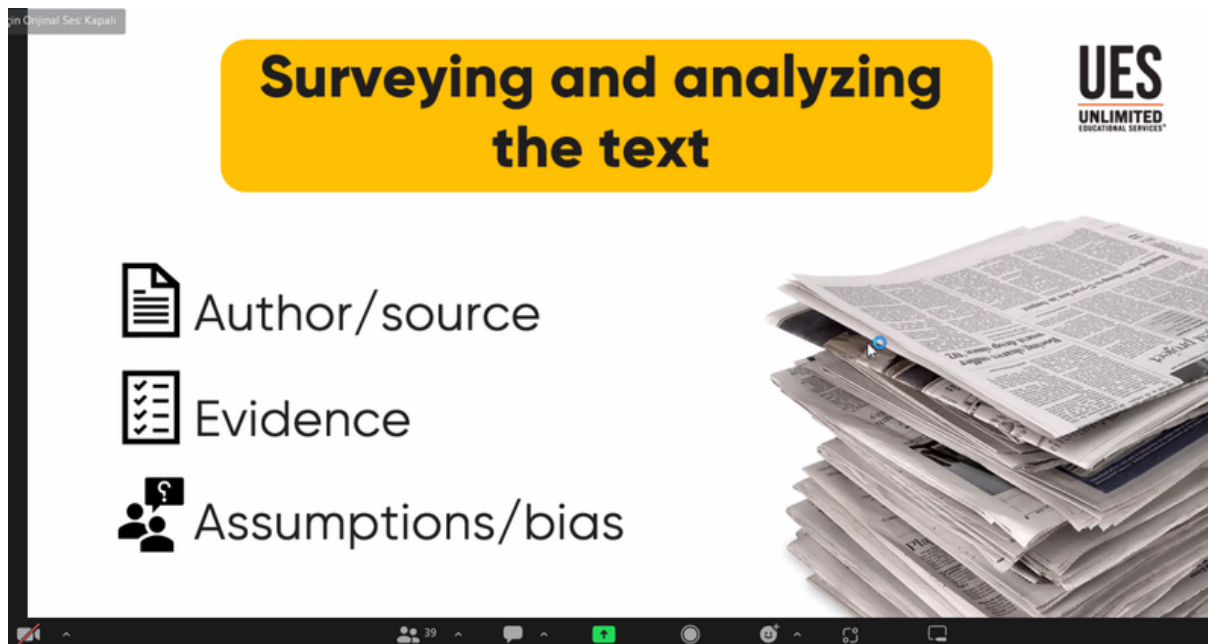
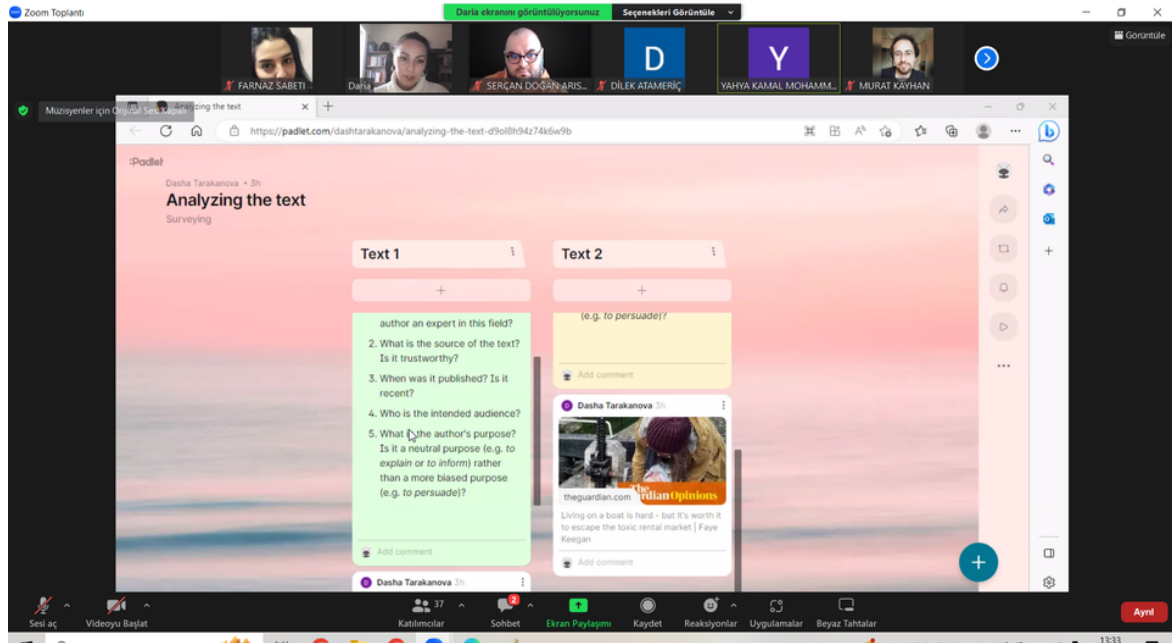
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High-order cognitive skills
Author's message, argument

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Our Staff's Academic Activities



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Seminar - Dec.2021

Kutahya Dumlupınar University





World Impact Ranking 2022
Quality Education - (SDG4)

16TH IN THE WORLD
1ST IN TURKEY



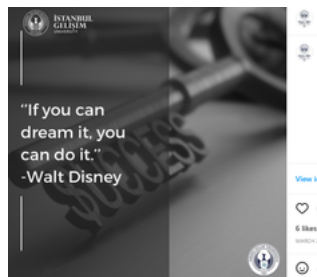
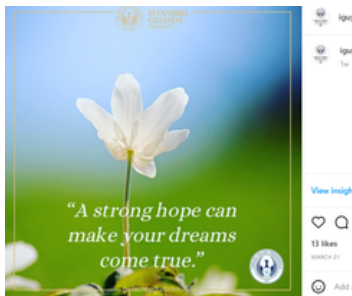
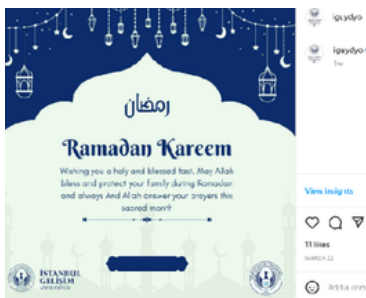
Ecological, Economic and Social Sustainability

#THEGlobalImpact

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

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!

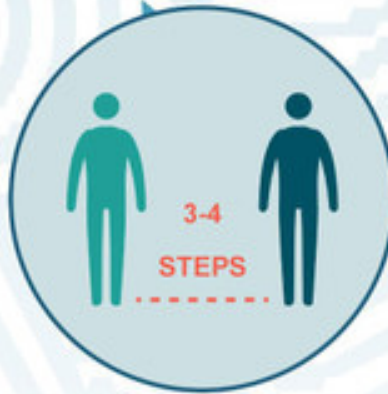




PROTECTING FROM THE VIRUS IN OUR HANDS



COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE WITH DISPOSABLE PAPER TISSUES DURING COUGHING AND SNEEZING. IF THERE IS NO TISSUE, USE THE INNER SIDE OF YOUR ELBOW.



AVOID CLOSE CONTACT SUCH AS HANDSHAKING AND HUGGING.



AVOID CROWDED PLACES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.



DO NOT TOUCH YOUR MOUTH, NOSE AND EYES WITH DIRTY HANDS.



WASH YOUR HANDS WITH WATER AND REGULAR SOAP FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS.



USE HAND SANITIZER IF THERE IS NO WATER AND SOAP.