

Istanbul Gelişim University

# School of Foreign Languages' Monthly Bulletin

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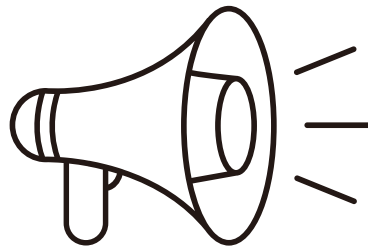


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# Latest News of SOFL

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- **The proficiency exam was held on Monday, September 25.**
  - **Fall Semester Exemption List was announced.**
  - **Fall Semester Proficiency Exam 2 was held on September 28, 2023 between 12:00-14:00.**
  - **Fall Semester Exam proficiency exam 3 will be held on October 5, 2023 between 10:00-12:00.**
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September 15th

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**International Day of  
Engineers**

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# September 21

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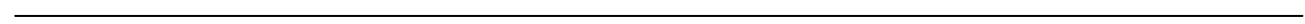
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International Day of Peace, also known as World Peace Day, is observed annually on September 21st. It was established by the United Nations (UN) in 1981 to promote the idea of global peace and encourage individuals, communities, and nations to work towards a more peaceful world.

The day is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of peace and advocating for the prevention and resolution of conflicts. It serves as a reminder of the devastating consequences of war and violence and emphasizes the need for diplomacy, cooperation, and peaceful solutions to conflicts.

The theme for each year's International Day of Peace varies, focusing on different aspects of peace and conflict resolution. The overarching goal, however, remains the same: to inspire individuals and nations to work together to create a more peaceful and harmonious world.

Peace is not just the absence of conflict; it is the presence of justice, equality, and understanding. International Day of Peace serves as a reminder that peace is a shared responsibility and an achievable goal when people come together to promote tolerance, respect, and cooperation among all nations and individuals.



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# IGU IS AMONG THE BEST UNIVERSITIES IN EUROPE!

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## **IGU is among the best universities in Europe!**

QS (Quacquarelli Symond), one of the most respected higher education rating agencies in the world, has published the list of “World University Rankings: Europe 2024”. Istanbul Gelisim University became one of the top 500 universities in Europe.

The UK-based higher education rating agency QS (Quacquarelli Symond) has published a list of universities in 42 countries that are members of the Council of Europe. QS, which is based on criteria such as academic reputation, employee reputation, citations per article and number of articles per faculty member, international research network, employability, faculty and student ratio, international student diversity, international faculty ratio, sustainability score, evaluated all participating universities in areas such as global recognition, research skills, teaching resources, and internationalization. In the ranking of 72 universities from Türkiye, Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) became the best 432nd university in Europe and achieved a significant success by ranking 13th in Türkiye.

IGU ranked 21st in the "QS Europe-Western Asia" category!

Advancing with the vision of "World University", IGU stands out with its scientific and academic innovations in the national and international arena and has many achievements on a global scale with its studies in the field of sustainability. In the ranking of the universities of 42 countries that are members of the Council of Europe, IGU expanded its success network by ranking 21st in the "QS Europe-Western Asia" category. IGU added new ones to its prestigious international achievements in the "QS World University Rankings: Europe 2024" ranking. It ranked 74th as one of the top 100 universities in Europe in the "Citations Per Article" ranking and 2nd in the Europe-Western Asia category. It was also ranked in the top 100 in all evaluation criteria in the Europe-Western Asia category. A total of 19 universities in Türkiye, which is the second most represented country with the participation of 72 universities, IGU ranked 13th in Türkiye. Continuing its success among the foundation universities in Türkiye, IGU ranked 4th after Koç University, Bilkent University and Sabancı University.

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IN THE 'QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2024: EUROPE'  
RANKING OF EUROPE'S BEST UNIVERSITIES

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# English Games

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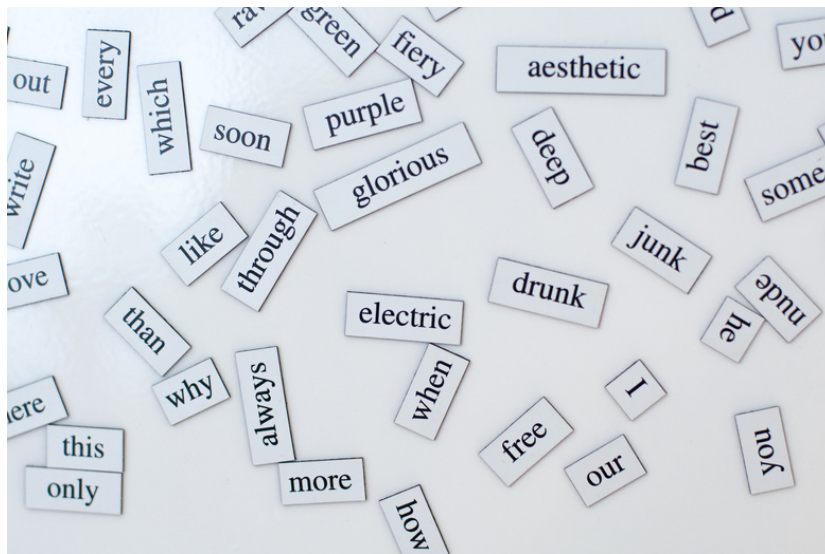
English games can have a significant impact on learning English, especially when used as a supplementary or interactive tool in language education. Here are some of the positive impacts of using English games for language learning:

- **Engagement and Motivation:** Games make learning fun and engaging, which can motivate learners to practice and improve their English skills. The competitive or cooperative nature of games can create a sense of excitement and challenge that traditional classroom methods may lack.
  - **Contextual Learning:** English games often provide real-life contexts for language use. This helps learners understand how English is used in practical situations, making it easier for them to apply what they've learned in real-life conversations and scenarios.
  - **Vocabulary Expansion:** Many English games incorporate a wide range of vocabulary, from basic to advanced levels. Playing games helps learners encounter and remember new words in context, which can enhance their vocabulary.
  - **Grammar Practice:** Games often involve sentence construction, word order, and other grammatical aspects. Players unconsciously practice grammar rules while trying to win the game, which can lead to better grammatical accuracy.
  - **Listening and Pronunciation:** Some English games include audio components where learners have to listen to and comprehend spoken English. This can improve their listening skills and pronunciation as they hear native speakers or accurate pronunciation models.
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# English Games

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- **Communication Skills:** Multiplayer or group games encourage communication between players, often in English. This promotes speaking and listening skills, as players need to convey information, strategize, or collaborate in English to succeed.
- **Cultural Awareness:** Certain English games may incorporate cultural elements, idiomatic expressions, and references. This can help learners understand the cultural context in which English is used, making them more culturally sensitive and competent English speakers.
- **Independent Learning:** Many English games are available online or as mobile apps, allowing learners to practice English at their own pace and convenience. This promotes independent learning and self-motivation.
- **Progress Tracking:** Some games offer progress tracking features, allowing learners and educators to monitor their language proficiency development over time.

However, it's essential to use English games as a supplement to a comprehensive language learning strategy. They should not replace traditional language lessons, which are important for providing a solid foundation in grammar, syntax, and structure. Moreover, not all games are equally effective, so it's crucial to select games that align with your learning goals and proficiency level.

In summary, English games can be a valuable tool for learning the language, offering an enjoyable and interactive way to practice and reinforce skills. When integrated effectively into a broader language learning plan, they can help learners become more confident and proficient in English.

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# Did you know?

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**Widespread Language:** English is one of the most widely spoken languages globally. It is the primary or secondary language in many countries, making it a crucial language to learn for communication in various parts of the world.



**Language of Business:** English is often considered the international language of business. Many multinational companies use English as the language of communication, which makes it a valuable skill for career advancement.





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# English Idioms

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## **Burning the midnight oil:**

This idiom refers to working late into the night or studying hard.



## **A taste of your own medicine:**

When someone experiences the same negative treatment they have given to others, they are getting "a taste of their own medicine."



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# English Riddles

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**I'm not alive, but I can grow; I don't have lungs, but I need air; I don't have a mouth, but water kills me. What am I?**



**Answer: A fire.**

**The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?**



**Answer: Footsteps.**

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# Our Staff's Academic Activities

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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>**

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# Our School On Social Media

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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!

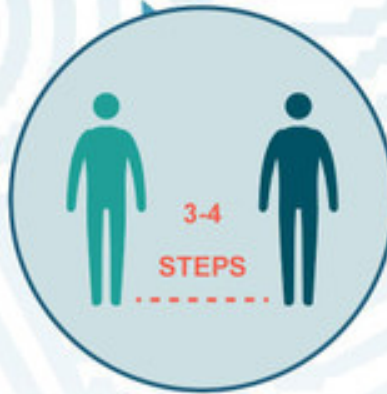




# PROTECTING FROM THE VIRUS IN OUR HANDS



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.