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# School of Foreign Languages' Monthly Bulletin

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month's issue:**



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# Latest News of SOFL

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**The Proficiency Exam was conducted on February 17th.**

**17 February Proficiency Exam results were announced on February 18th.**

**17 February Proficiency Exam appeal forms were shared with students on February 18th.**

**Proficiency Exam was conducted on February 20th.**

**Proficiency Exam was conducted on February 27th.**

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February 4th

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# World Cancer Day

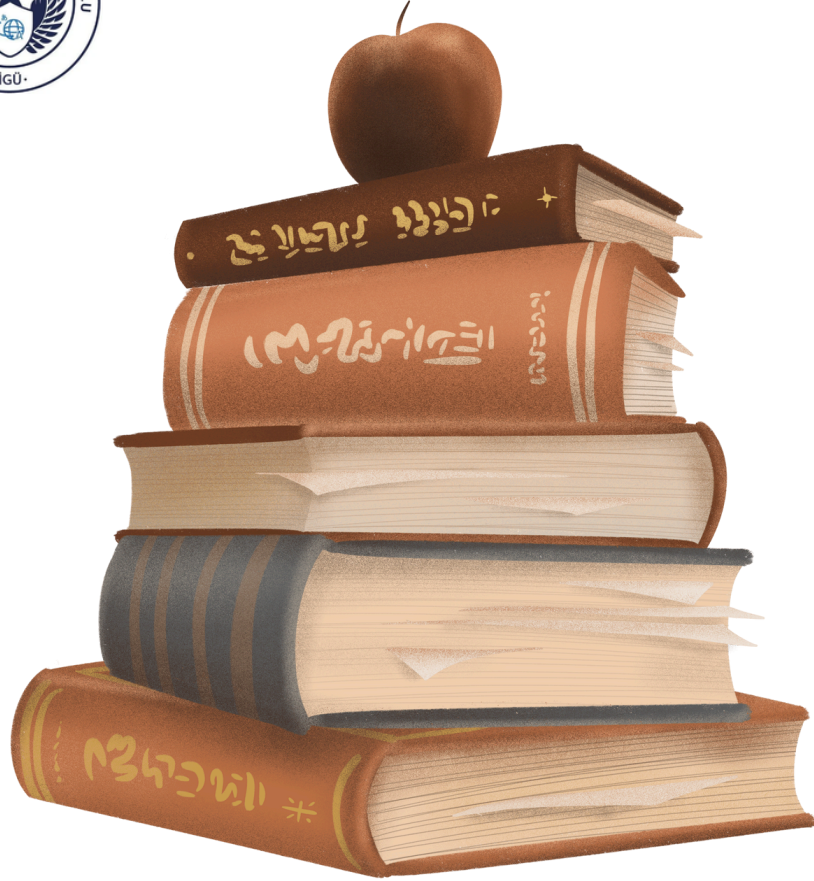


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February 14th

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# International Book Giving Day



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**February 14th**

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**Valentine's Day**



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# World Day of Social Justice



**WORLD DAY OF  
SOCIAL JUSTICE**

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February 21th

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# International Mother Language Day



# Language learning Applications

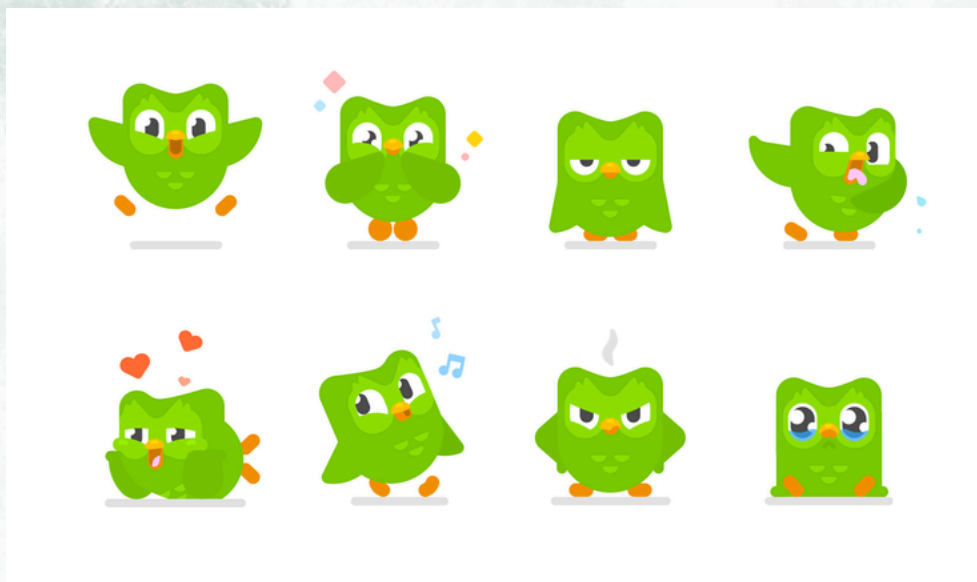
**In today's globalized world, language learning has become more accessible than ever before. With the advent of technology, language learning apps have revolutionized how we approach mastering new languages. These apps offer convenience, flexibility, and a wide variety of learning tools that cater to users of all levels, from beginners to advanced speakers.**



**There are several excellent apps available to help you learn a second language, each offering unique features and approaches. Here are some popular ones:**

### **Duolingo**

**Duolingo is one of the most popular language learning apps worldwide. It uses a gamified approach, turning lessons into bite-sized challenges and rewarding progress with points and achievements. It offers a wide range of languages, from widely spoken ones like Spanish and French to less common ones like Welsh and Hawaiian.**



# Busuu

**Busuu combines language learning with a social aspect, allowing you to practice with native speakers. Its lessons are well-organized, and it includes features such as personalized feedback from real teachers.**



# Babbel

**Babbel focuses on conversation skills, with lessons designed to teach practical phrases and grammar. It's structured with a more formal curriculum, and its lessons are based on real-life scenarios. Babbel offers a more in-depth approach compared to Duolingo, especially for learners seeking to develop conversational fluency.**



# Memrise

**Overview: Memrise uses spaced repetition and mnemonic techniques to help you memorize vocabulary and phrases effectively. It features native speakers in its lessons, which helps with pronunciation and real-world understanding of the language.**



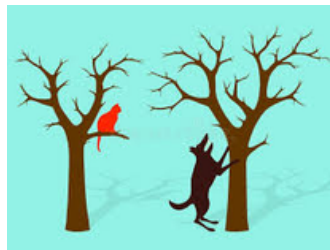
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# English Idioms

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## **'to be barking up the wrong tree'**

**If you say that someone is barking up the wrong tree, you mean that they are following the wrong course of action because their beliefs or ideas about something are incorrect.**



## **'to kick the bucket'**

**If you say that someone has kicked the bucket, you mean that they have died.**

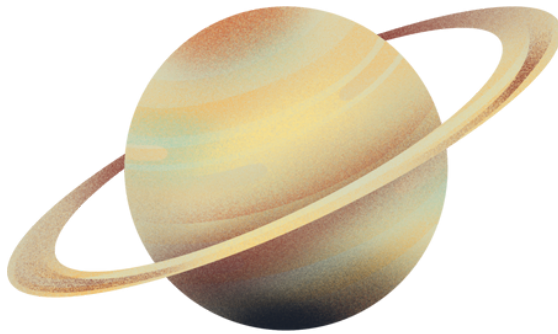


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# English Riddles

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**I have seven rings that you can't wear on your fingers. What am I? Answer: Saturn.**



**What do you find at the end of the rainbow? Answer: The letter W.**



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# Five alternatives to say 'yes'

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**go on then**

**"Are you sure you don't want another slice of cake?"**

**"Oh go on then, but just a small one."**

**If you insist**

**"Another glass of wine?"**

**"If you insist"**

**Absolutely**

**"Do you want to go to the concert tonight?"**

**"Absolutely"**

**works for me**

**"How about we meet at 3 am?"**

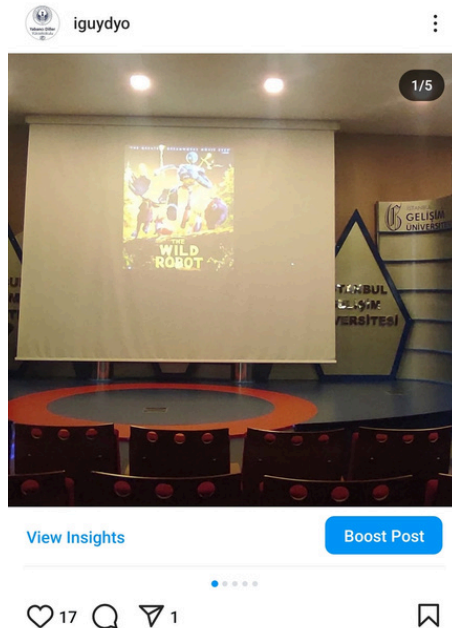
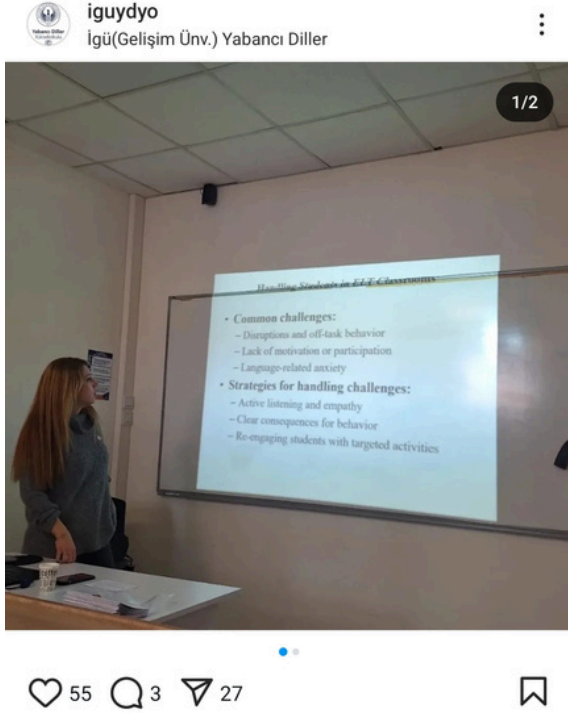
**I am in**

**"Do you want to join us for a road trip this weekend?"**

**"I am in!"**

*yes!*

# Our School On Social Media

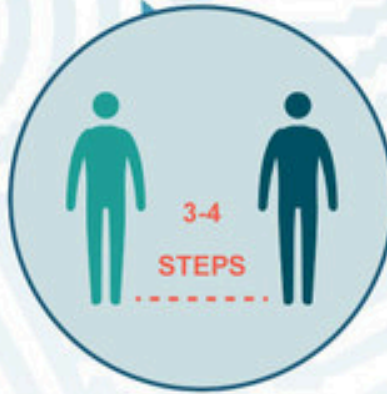




# PROTECTING FROM THE VIRUS IN OUR HANDS



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.