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Latest News of SOFL



**Track 4 quiz was conducted
on May 18th and 21st.**

**Objection forms for the exams
were shared with students.**



May 1st

Labor Day



May 2nd

World Press Freedom Day



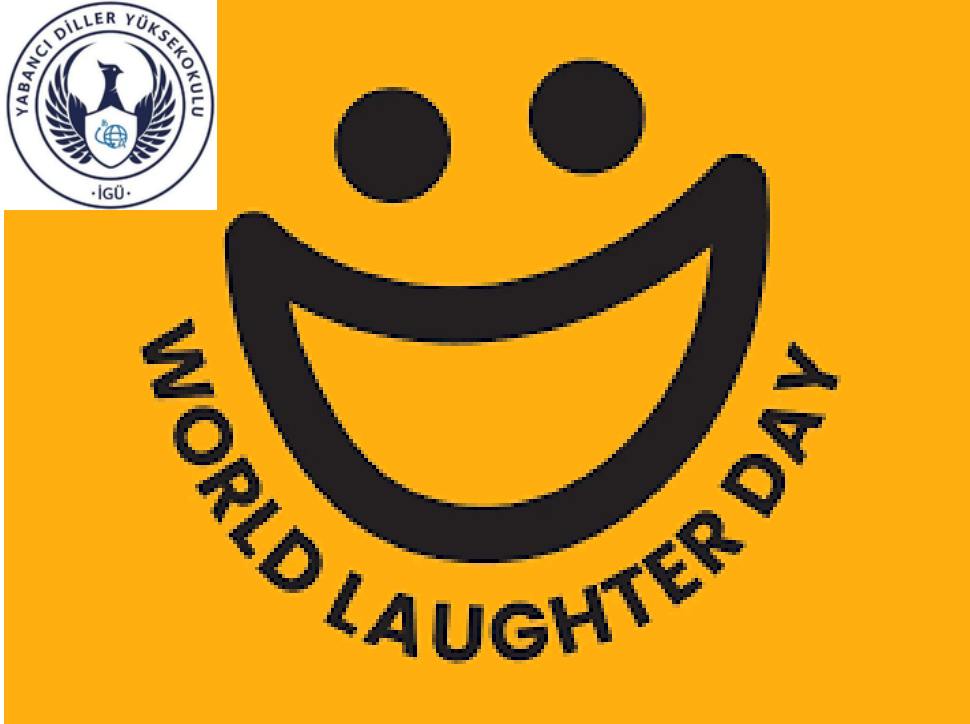
May 4th

**International Firefighters'
Day**



May 1st Sunday

World Laughter Day



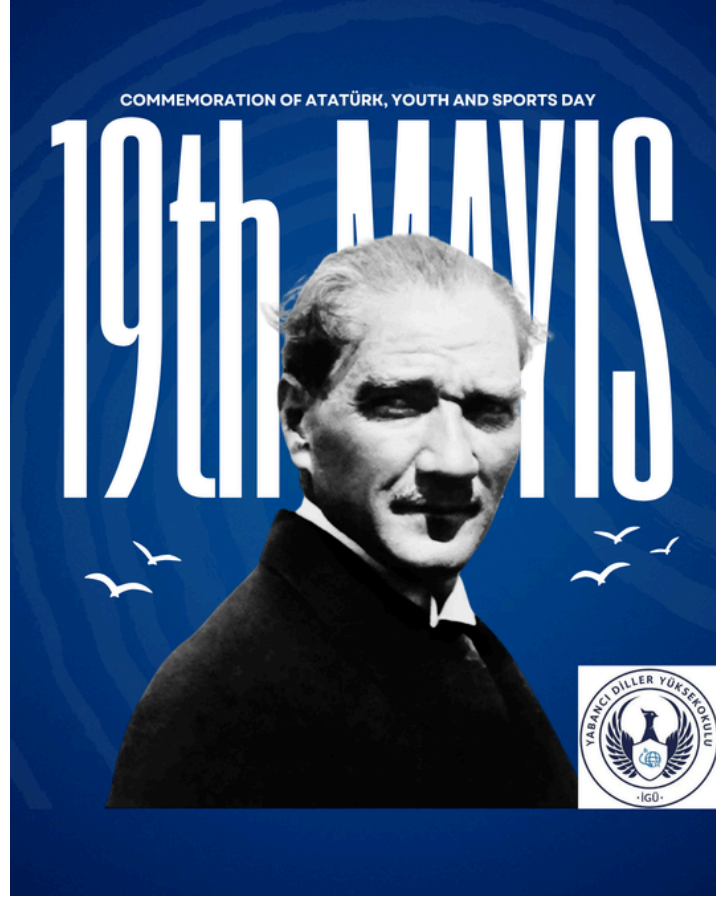
May 12th

International Nurse Day



May 19th

**Commemoration of
Atatürk, Youth and Sports
Day**



Artificial Intelligence in Language Learning: 5 Lesser-Known Facts

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is increasingly reshaping the field of language learning, offering tools that go far beyond traditional classroom methods. While most people are familiar with translation apps or grammar checkers, AI's role in language acquisition is far more complex and, in some cases, surprising. Below are five lesser-known facts that highlight how AI is transforming the way languages are learned and understood.

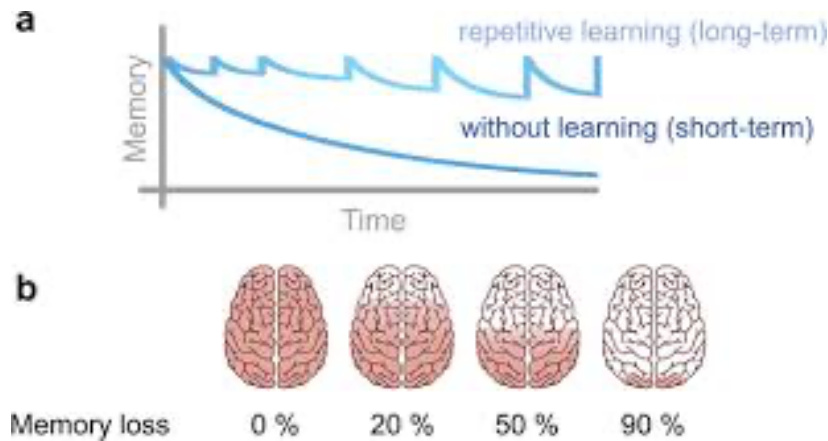
1. AI can detect how you learn, not just what you learn.

Modern language-learning systems use learner modeling to analyze patterns in mistakes, response time, and revision behavior. This allows AI to identify whether a learner is more visual, repetitive, or context-based, and then adjust exercises accordingly.



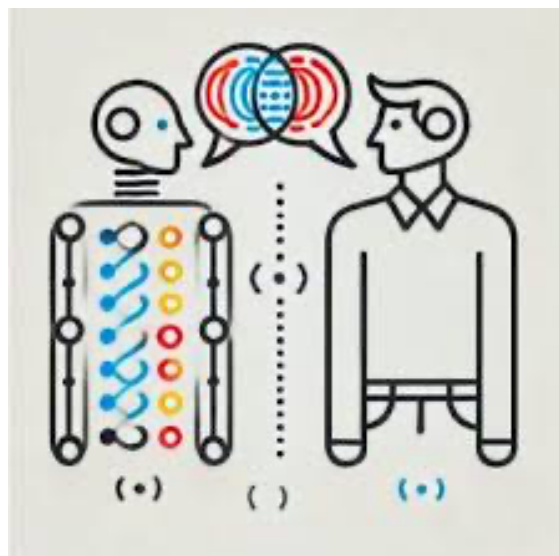
2. Some AI systems simulate “forgetting curves.”

Inspired by cognitive psychology, AI platforms often replicate the human memory decay process. They schedule vocabulary review sessions at scientifically optimized intervals, ensuring that words are revisited just before they are likely to be forgotten.



3. AI-generated language practice can mimic real cultural contexts.

Advanced systems can generate dialogues based on cultural settings, such as ordering food in Tokyo or attending a job interview in Berlin. These scenarios are dynamically created rather than pre-written, making practice more realistic and unpredictable.



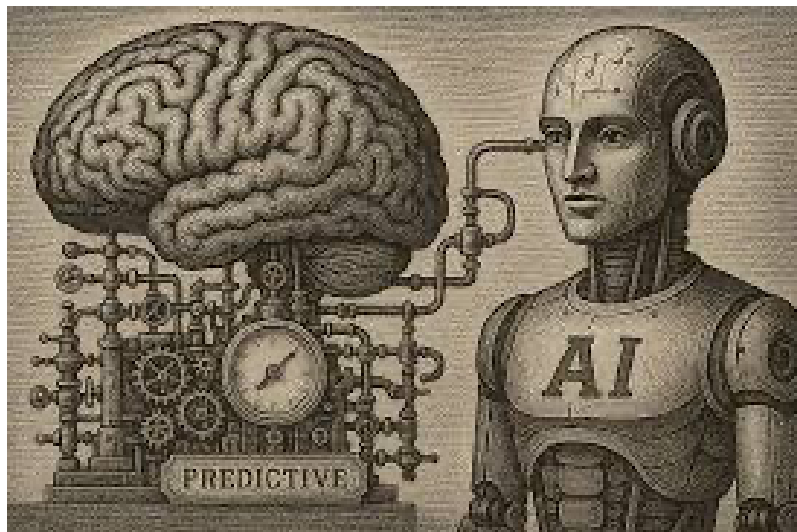
4. Voice AI evaluates more than pronunciation.

Speech recognition tools do not only check whether a word is pronounced correctly. They also analyze rhythm, stress patterns, and even emotional tone, which are crucial for sounding natural in a foreign language.



5. AI can predict “future errors” before they happen.

By analyzing large datasets of learners from similar linguistic backgrounds, AI can predict which grammatical structures a learner is most likely to struggle with next, and preemptively provide targeted exercises.



English Idioms

'to be on cloud nine'

(to be extremely happy about something.)



'to be a breeze'

(to be easy, especially unexpectedly easy)



English Riddles

Q: I travel across the world while staying in the same place. I can be understood in many forms, yet I have no voice of my own. Without me, machines would be silent and humans would struggle to connect across distance.

What am I?

Answer: Language

Q: I exist only when I am shared. The more people try to hold me at the same time, the less each person has. I cannot be seen or touched, but I can change everything in a moment.

What am I?

Answer: Trust

Our Staff's Academic Activities

In SFOL, we support our instructors' academic endeavors.



Did you know this?

Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day

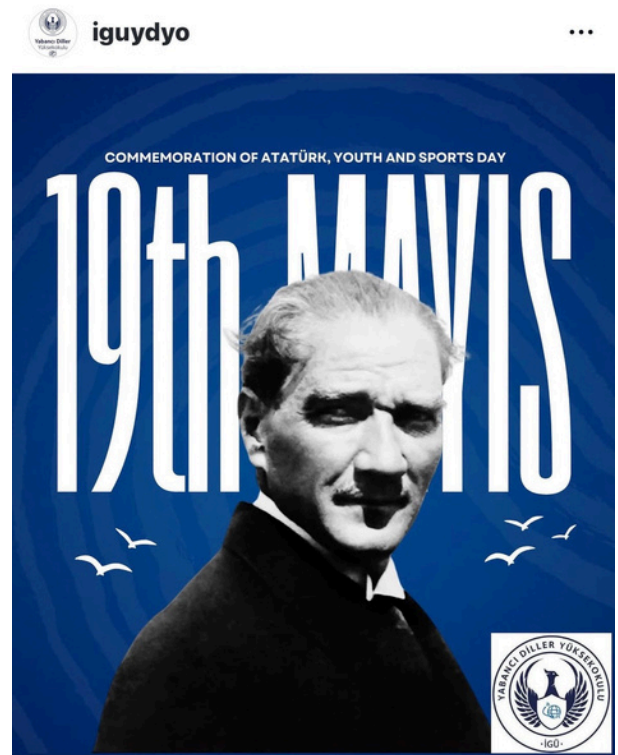
1. It marks the beginning of the Turkish War of Independence

On May 19, 1919, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk landed in Samsun. This moment is considered the starting point of the Turkish War of Independence, as it symbolized the beginning of organized resistance against occupation after World War I. Because of its historical importance, the day is officially commemorated nationwide.

2. It was dedicated to youth by Atatürk himself.

Atatürk later dedicated this day to Turkish youth, believing that the future of the nation would be shaped by young generations. Today, it is celebrated as both a national holiday and a sports festival, with ceremonies, athletic events, and cultural performances across schools and cities in Türkiye.

Our School On Social Media

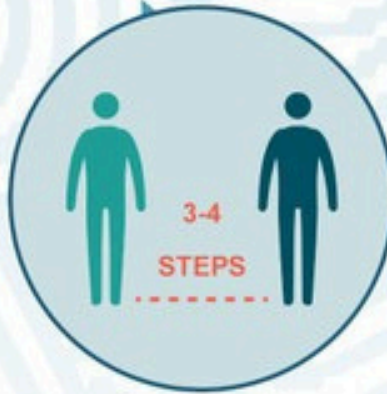




PROTECTING FROM THE VIRUS IN OUR HANDS



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.