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- **Student lists for proficiency exam are announced on July 1st.**
 - **Proficiency exam results are announced on July 8th.**
 - **Details about summer school are shared with students on July 8th.**
 - **Proficiency exam result appeal forms are shared with students on July 9th.**
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July 1st

International Joke Day



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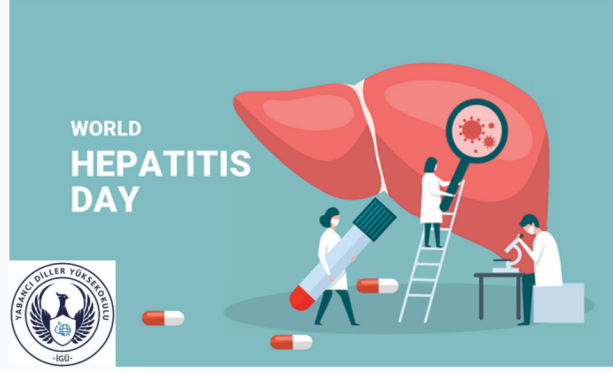
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Finland's Education System Facts

It is not a secret that Finland's education system is considered to be one of the best in the world. One of the main reasons is that there are not any private schools and students get exactly the same education regardless of their abilities. Not only students but also educators are trained to be creative and independent thinkers. Let's look at some of their educational secrets.



First of all, students do not start getting education until they are 7 years old. Yet, it is a must for them to go to preschool since it is required by the law in Finland.



Furthermore, it is mandatory for students to have 15 minutes of recess for every 45 minutes of class. Most of the Finnish educators share the view that it is significant to have a positive learning environment for all students and to spend some time out of the classroom.



Finnish students have an obligation to take just one test which is based on studies on their multi-disciplinary knowledge and skills according to Washington Post reports. In addition, the test is graded by educators themselves.



Finnish schools have a group of staff including the principal, the special education teacher, the school nurse, the school psychologist, a social worker and the classroom teachers.



There is no doubt that teachers have a crucial role in making the system one of the best. It is a highly competitive process for candidates to be accepted as a teacher due to the fact that only 7 % of applicants are able to get the job. (www.heischools.com)



Did you know?



- The inventor of text message is Finnish.
- Matti Makkonen introduced the idea of “text talk” in 1984, and the first text message was sent from a computer in 1992.

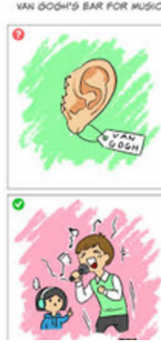


- There are so many weird sports in Finland such as wife-carrying, rubber boot throwing and swamp soccer.



English Idioms

To have Van Gogh's ear for music.
to be tone deaf.



When pigs fly.
about something that will never ever happen.



English Riddles

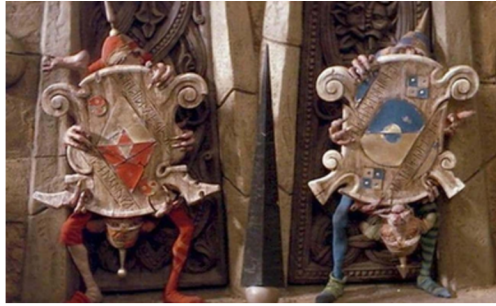
This month's riddles are from well-known films.

The Riddle:

There are two doors. One leads to the castle; the other, to certain death. You may ask one question, to one guard, to help you decide which door is the correct one. One guard always lies, and one always tells the truth. How do you choose?

The Answer:

Ask either guard which door the other guard would say leads out. To stay alive, you must walk through the opposite door you've been told to use.



This riddle is from the film *Labyrinth*.

English Riddles

The Riddle:

It cannot be seen, cannot be felt, cannot be heard, cannot be smelt. It lies behind stars and under hills, and empty holes it fills. It comes first and follows after, ends life, kills laughter.

The Answer:

The dark.



This riddle is from the film *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*.

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>

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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.