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EDITOR'S NOTE

We aim to broaden your horizons with content carefully prepared for our readers.

Hope you enjoy reading this edition as much as we enjoyed preparing it!

INTRODUCTION OF OUR SCHOOL THROUGH OUR EYES

Our school is a boutique college and our class has only ten students. This is very advantageous that the maximum number of students in a class is twelve, so classes are not crowded and we can listen to and communicate with our teachers better. We like our school because our teachers are helpful and kind.

The advantages of our school are that it is less crowded than many other schools, so everybody knows each other and teachers can take care of all of us.

Our garden is separated from the middle school. We also have two table tennis tables downstairs, and we have a lot of fun there.



We have a homework system called PÇF(Planned Worksheets). Our teachers prepare it every week, and it helps us practise the topics we have learned.

Every month, we have one KTS exam and we see what we have learned in the lessons there.

In the computer lab, we have the opportunity to learn basic computer functions, coding, and some other skills.



We have a canteen and a food court, and you can eat in whichever one you want. We love our big sister Özlem; she is responsible for the canteen. She is always kind to us and makes funny jokes.

We focus on the advantages of our school and we love it much because we don't only learn, practise but also we have fun, spend time with friends and communicate here.

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INTERVIEW WITH MRS. ORBAY, OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER

Could you tell us a little about yourself?

1. 1) I am Sevgi Orbay, a graduate of English Language and Literature. I have been a teacher for 8 years.

Why did you choose to be an English teacher?

2. 2) Actually, the reason is this: I love foreign languages. My friends used to go abroad and they were speaking in English so it increased my motivation.

What are the difficulties students face while learning English?

3. 3) Not being exposed to English in daily life, and being limited only to the time they are exposed at school, may cause one-sided problems as they cannot experience the language in their social life.

What is the most effective method for learning English, in your opinion?

4. 4) First of all, in order to learn a foreign language, internal motivation should be identified, and progress can be achieved by enriching it in line with the reasons.

What kind of benefits does knowing English provide for students?

5. 5) The most important benefit is the ability to communicate and exchange information with individuals from many different cultures, allowing for broader and more diverse progress.

How did you study English when you were a student?

6. 6) When I was a student, I did not study English systematically and effectively; I only made passive efforts. The most important factor was the guidance of my teachers.

Which methods do you suggest to make learning English more enjoyable for students?

7. 7) There are many ways for students to participate actively and learn while having fun. For example: using wall charts, benefiting from digital screens, and taking active roles through teacher guidance.

What is the happiest memory you have as a teacher?

8. 8) During my first years of teaching in a village school, thanks to the guidance, monitoring, and care my students received, they achieved the best results in English in the LGS which is an exam for Highschool.

Interviewers: Mete KARSLIOĞLU , Poyraz CAN, Talha Efe YETİŞ , Ediz GÜNDÜZTEPE 10/A



INTERVIEW WITH MR. ASLAN, CHEF.

1. How did you decide to become a chef?

Answer: I left my hometown and went to Kuşadası. There, through a relative, I was introduced to the kitchen industry, and I worked my way up from apprentice to master chef.

2. What is your favorite dish to cook?

Answer: I really enjoy preparing different types of fish and mezes.



3. Is it hard to be a chef? What is the most difficult part?

Answer: There are certainly challenging aspects. The hardest part is working long hours in a high-intensity environment.

4. What makes you the happiest while working in the kitchen?

Answer: I feel happy when customers like the dish I've made and ask for the recipe. It means I've succeeded, and that makes me feel fulfilled.

Mehmet ASLAN, Chef.

I admire.

5. How do you learn and develop new recipes?

Answer: By researching, experimenting, and following the chefs

6. Is there a chef or a dish that inspires you?

Answer: I look up to Ali Güngörmüş and draw inspiration from him.

7. What dish would you recommend to students your age?

Answer: Tomato soup. Because it's a soup that is generally loved, and it's also healthy, so I would recommend trying tomato soup.

Interviewers: Ela Eylül KAYMAK, Yunus Eymen AVCI, Açıyla ASLAN 10/B

A RESEARCH OF HOW MUCH TIME SHOULD A STUDENT SPEND ON TECHNOLOGY?

Today, technology has become an integral part of students' lives. Smartphones, tablets, computers, and the internet are used extensively for both educational and entertainment purposes. However, the widespread adoption of technology also raises the question of "how much time should a student spend with technology?"

The Impact of Technology on Students

Technology is an important tool that facilitates the learning process for students when used correctly. Thanks to online classes, educational apps, interactive content, and research resources, accessing information has become much easier. However, excessive and uncontrolled use of technology can lead to negative effects such as attention deficit, sleep problems, physical inactivity, and social isolation in students.



Facts and Statistics

According to research, middle and high school students spend an average of **4 to 7** hours per day in front of screens. A large portion of this time is filled with entertainment activities such as social media, watching videos, and gaming. Educational use typically accounts for a smaller portion of this time.

Expert Recommendations

- Children aged 6-12 should have a maximum of 1 hour of recreational screen time per day.
- In adolescents aged 13-18, this duration can be limited to 2 hours.
- Educational use should not be included in these durations; however, it should still be supported by breaks.
- Breaks of 5-10 minutes should be taken every 30-60 minutes.
- Screen time should be stopped at least 1 hour before bed



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😊 DID YOU KNOW THAT? 😊



Begüm

★ The longest word in English is “pneumonoultramicroscopic-silicovolcanoconiosis”, a type of lung disease.

The word “**set**” has the most ★ meanings in English — more than 200!



Bilge



Ece

★ Shakespeare invented more than 1,700 new words in English.

Every two weeks, a new word ★ is added to English.



Nisa



Beren

★ In the past, English used a double U (VV) which later became the letter “W.”

More than 30% of English words actually come from ★ French.



Beren

INTERVIEW WITH MR. AYDIN, CYBER SECURITY SPECIALIST.

Question: Are you satisfied with your profession?

Mr. Aydin: Yes, I am very satisfied. Protecting people's information and the systems of institutions makes me feel valuable. Knowing that this profession benefits society increases my motivation.

Question: Which departments should one study for this profession?

Mr. Aydin: Generally, departments such as Computer Engineering, Software Engineering, or Cybersecurity are preferred. But university education alone is not enough. Your English should also be good. It is necessary to work continuously, keep learning, and be open to new technologies.

Question: How would you describe your profession in the simplest way?

Mr. Aydin: I can say that I am a security guard in the digital world. My duty is to protect computers, networks, and information. I stop hackers' attacks and ensure people's safety. In fact, I am the person who locks the door of digital life.

Question: What are the advantages of your profession?

Mr. Aydin: This profession is both very necessary and respected. Job opportunities are abundant; there is a need everywhere. In addition, I constantly learn new things. We provide security to both people and institutions.

Question: What are the disadvantages of your profession?

Mr. Aydin: It often requires intense focus. Working long hours in front of a computer can be challenging. Small mistakes can lead to big consequences, so stressful moments may occur.



INTERVIEW WITH MR. AYDIN, CYBER SECURITY SPECIALIST.

Question: What advice would you give to those who want to choose this profession?

Mr. Aydin: First of all, they should not choose this profession just for money, but because they truly want it. Being curious, patient, and hardworking is very important. In addition, learning English,

researching, and constantly improving oneself are essential. This profession requires discipline, respect, and dedication.



Question: What do you think the future of cybersecurity will look like?

Mr. Aydin: Threats will increase, but solutions will also improve. Cybersecurity will always remain important.

Question: Why is this profession recommended to young people?

Mr. Aydin: Because it is a constantly developing field. It has a future, plenty of job opportunities, and it is beneficial to society.



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