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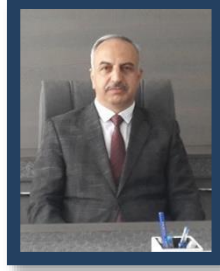
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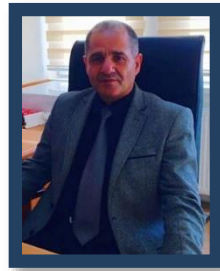


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Editor's Note

Welcome to the tenth edition of *Blackboard*, the annual magazine of Bursa Uludağ University, School of Foreign Languages - by the students for the students. This project, of which the essential purpose is to motivate, inspire and portray students' skills in writing, has been months in the making and we are excited to finally unveil it to you.

This issue features Writing Tasks of the spring semester of the academic year 2020 – 2021, in which our students wrote for their writing portfolios on a wide variety of topics. Hence there are many topics that are interesting and informative for all our students.

This magazine is, indeed, like a notepad for our students' creativity and imagination. This humble 'notepad' is now a magazine filled with the words of the young minds who have things to say. Our young student-writers have tried their best -with the valuable help of their teachers- to hold the interest and appreciation of their readers, who are also students at this school like themselves. We are sure that the readers will appreciate the efforts, enthusiasm, and hard work of our student-writers.

The final outcome of this magazine required a lot of guidance and assistance from the members of the Student Activities Unit. However, it was a great pleasure to witness the students' ongoing development in the skills of writing.

As part of the School Magazine, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the administration, teachers, and students for their cooperation in publishing this magazine.

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My Favorite Dish



My favorite dish is beef samosas. I love samosas and I've been eating them since I was five. Samosas can be both meat-based and vegetarian, so I think it's a very versatile dish. Samosas are shaped like pyramids. The inner part is made of a mixture of potatoes, meat or fish and other spices. The outer layer is a thin dough that's lightly fried for about 2-3 minutes. You'll know when it's ready because it becomes golden.

Samosas are served with pickles and mostly with other spicy vegetables. The smell of onion, oil, ginger and spices always make my mouth water. I really enjoy the smell of samosas while they're being fried. Crushing the outermost part is my favorite. I can eat ten samosas in a single sitting. People think of it as junk food, but I don't. It is because we can make it healthy if we want.

Slowly, samosas have become a staple of worldwide cuisine and I hope many other cultures will include this delicious dish to their own cuisines.

Abdirashid Ahmed Mohamed M4-3

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Bocce

Haven't you tried bocce yet? In our article today, we will talk about a sport and leisure time activity that is not known by most people: Bocce!

Bocce is a game that can be played by people of all ages, and it is very simple to learn. Believe me; this game is really cool and after a while, you will get addicted to it!

Let's take a look at how it is played. Bocce is played with two teams and eight large balls, and a smaller ball called a pallina, which is the target. There are four balls for each team, and they are made of a different color or pattern. These colors or patterns distinguish the balls of one team

from those of the other team. It is a game played in turns on a court and if the team scores sixteen points, that team wins. It may seem intimidating but there is nothing to be scared of. It is a relaxing game which is mostly played by American adults.

Come on, get ready and play this game which does not cost much! I am sure you will love it :)



Abdülkadir Güler M3-11

How Ads Affect Our Lives

Advertising plays an important role in controlling our consumption habits today. Of course, there are positive and negative aspects that affect us a lot. But first I want to talk about why it is used so often. Brands agree with advertising companies for advertisements in order to deliver their products to larger audiences. If we consider the number of brands and the development of advertising companies today, we can understand why we see so many advertisements; while watching movies, doing research on the internet, on the streets. In short, wherever you turn your head, you may encounter advertisements. This situation has obviously started to be very disturbing, especially nowadays.

When people see advertisements wherever they turn their heads, these ads are buried in their subconscious. Later, people start consuming out of need. This situation causes many problems like economic problems, various health problems and many more. So, advertisements are not just presentation posters. They have a tremendous impact on people. That's why companies pay a lot of money. Television and other digital platforms today survive almost exclusively through advertisements. Of course, there are also problems with our personal information. Many applications secretly make us accept contracts and sell our personal information to advertising companies. This may be legal, but it is never ethical.

This situation can sometimes benefit us. For example, we can find and buy the product we need in the most appropriate way, thanks to the targeted advertisements that use our information. We save both time and money. But I personally do not see any other advantage than this.

As a result, I hope certain regulations will be applied to advertising companies in the near future, so that this industry does not continue to use people in such a way.



Ahmet Akçiçek M4-8

Aziz Sancar

Aziz Sancar is an important doctor, academician, biochemist, molecular biologist and scientist. Sancar has been working on DNA repair, cell sequencing, cancer treatment and the biological clock. He has published 415 scientific articles and 33 books. Sancar received an award for using the circadian clock in cancer treatment. Sancar was awarded the North Carolina Distinguished Chemist Award given by the American Chemical Society in 2001. He was also selected to the US National Academy where he won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2015.

He was born in 1946 in Savur, Mardin and as the seventh of eight children of a middle-income farmer family. He completed his primary and secondary education in Mardin. Later, due to his interest in football, he joined the football team in his high school and became a goalkeeper. Then, because of his success, he was asked to join the Youth National Football Team. After playing for this team for a while, Sancar got admitted to Istanbul Medical Faculty in 1963 and continued his education there. He successfully graduated in 1969. As soon as Aziz Sancar had graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, he started to work as a doctor in a health center in Savur, Mardin.

While he was working as a doctor, Aziz Sancar was doing constant research with the aim of improving his knowledge. He made a decision that became a turning point in his life. He left the health center where he had been working since his graduation and went to Dallas to join Texas



University with the intention of doing research on Molecular Biology. Aziz Sancar was a successful scientist, and he was invited to Yale University to complete his thesis on DNA repair.

Aziz Sancar has contributed to many important developments in the field of medicine. He worked on DNA and developed new methods. He made many important inventions and won many awards.

Aziz Sancar's life teaches us the importance of education and pursuing our goals without giving up. Sooner or later, everyone who is determined will certainly attain his/ her goal.

Aleyna Cesur M3-4

The Gym It Is

The pandemic and being locked down have caused people to become depressed and stressed. So, how can we reduce the stress we are going through. The most important thing is to find an activity to do. Why not work out and go to the gym?

First of all, this activity is good for your health. It improves your strength, blood circulation and physical appearance. There are lots of people who do work out in a gym as a professional sport. If you want to be a professional, it'll cost you a lot of money. However, it's cheaper if you do it as a free time activity. I believe that it's one of the cheapest activities that you can do.

I started working out two months ago. The reason why I started it was because I wanted to get rid of the stress that I was under, and I had also started to gain weight. I am glad that I started. It helped me to reduce my daily stress and gain confidence. Working out is an activity that you can't give up after starting. In other words, you get addicted to the pain in your stiff muscles.

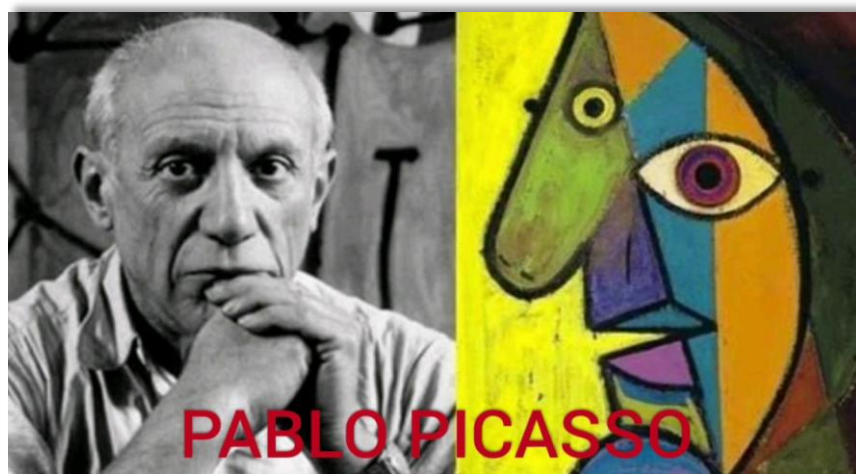


Well, it has been only two months, but my physical appearance has changed a lot. I have become a more energetic and confident person.

Before I started to do it, my life was boring. I needed to do something about it. I believe that there are many people who are in the same situation. I strongly recommend that they start going to the gym and work out. They won't be disappointed.

Anar Cebiyev M3-31

Pablo Picasso's Exhibition



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In 2010, I went to an exhibition of Pablo Picasso, who I love very much. I was only 9 years old then. This gallery is in İstanbul. Its name is Pera Museum. I was interested in Picasso's paintings, and I persuaded my father to take me to Istanbul to visit the exhibition

The arrangement of the pictures in the event was very important for me. The pictures were arranged just the way I wanted. The paintings were exhibited on plain walls. That is, the pictures were in the foreground. I liked this very much.

However, entering the museum was a bit problematic. We had to wait in the queue for a while because the exhibition area was small. Also, there were not enough walls to hang the pictures on, so some of the pictures were placed on the floor. This was quite disturbing as Picasso was a world-famous artist.

Overall, I strongly recommend the exhibition, but I think you should go when the gallery area gets bigger.

Aykut Mutlu M3-13

The Advantages and Disadvantages of Advertising



Advertising is now everywhere in our lives. It's impossible to avoid this. Wherever you look, you can see advertisements. For instance, on TV, in the streets, online, and so on. As you can guess, they have a big impact on our behavior. We are affected by them unconsciously. But we should be careful because advertisements are both helpful and harmful in certain ways. If we can't avoid them, we should know the benefits and harms, and behave accordingly.

Advertisements may sometimes be beneficial. Advertisers specifically search what we like and look for by using our online activity. Therefore, they gather some information about us, and they send us targeted advertisements. With these advertisements, you can find the product that you are interested in more easily, faster, or even cheaper. Also, thanks to advertising, we can get information about products from different companies. This can make us decide which product to buy, and we don't spend too much time shopping.

However, advertisements have bad effects, too. First, they lead us to spend more money. If a product looks attractive, we might want to buy it and then, we end up buying something that we don't need. So, you may for example find yourself buying your 5th pair of sunglasses. Also, advertisements have negative effects on our mental health. We can see handsome men and beautiful women showing their smooth skin, glossy hair, or fit bodies. If we are exposed to these advertisements too much, we might feel inferior. We can get stuck to the idea that we aren't pretty or handsome enough. The advertisers make us feel like we are not good enough and try to sell their products in this way. These elements in advertisements might be harmful to us.

Advertising, like everything else, has good and bad sides. The important thing is to remember the benefits without being caught in the colorful world of advertisements, and without harming ourselves. If we are aware of both the beneficial and harmful sides, we can take advantage of the good ones and avoid the bad ones.

Ayşegül Aydın M4-7

Should Child Athletes Be Pushed Hard in order to Succeed?



Experts agree that child athletes are training harder and longer than they did in the past. Compared to before, children today who take up competitive sports, like tennis or gymnastics, train so seriously that many children leave home at a very young age to achieve their target. In fact, gymnasts or tennis players as young as eight years old might be pushed hard to succeed. This is because a large number of parents believe that working hard and trying over and over will give their children the opportunity to achieve their goal or succeed. However, I strongly believe that children shouldn't be pushed hard in order to succeed. Parents of very young athletes shouldn't push their children to succeed for three important reasons.

First of all, parents should not push their children too hard to succeed because children are very sensitive and they might be worried about their success and failure very much. Some people might talk about children's failure a lot. In this case, the children may think that they are not talented or successful. Failure might cause some problems in their adult life. Pushing children may make them better athletes, but children will sacrifice their time and childhood.

Secondly, children might have some kinds of psychological problems such as stress and fear. Because if they fail, they will be stressed and worried about failure. In addition, being stressful and worried might lead to some problems in their educational life. This causes them to panic about their future. What's more, children are very important for us, and parents shouldn't hurt them by pushing them too hard.

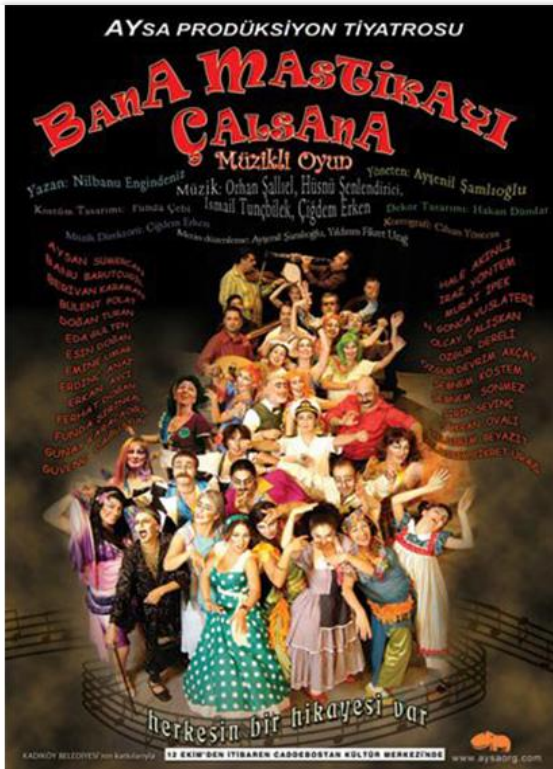
Finally, childhood is very crucial for children. If parents push them hard, they cannot live their childhood freely. They are children and they should play games, go on holidays, be sociable and have lots of different life experiences. Children should have a pet or learn how to play a musical

instrument. Parents should let them do whatever they want. As a result, they will be successful in tennis or gymnastics.

There are still parents out there who force their children to succeed in a sport. However, I believe that pushing a child to succeed is not the right thing. These children may develop physically but they may not enjoy childhood activities which help their psychological development. Moreover, stress is the biggest impact on human life. As long as parents continue pushing children in order to succeed, children will not fully be aware of their childhood.

Bahar Gül M4-3

Bana Mastikayı Çalsana



One of my favorite theater plays is "Bana Mastikayı Çalsana". Three years ago, we decided to go to the theater with our teachers and went to the play "Bana Mastikayı Çalsana" in Ahmet Vefik Paşa Theater.

This play has interesting scenes about the realities of life: the joys and sorrows in people's lives from different cultural backgrounds. The play is both a comedy and drama which shows the audience the painful facts of life but at the same time you can find yourself laughing at some scenes.

However, it was difficult to get a ticket to the theater because most of the tickets had been sold out. As a result, we had to watch it from the back of the balcony. It was hard to see the actors and hear their

voices from the very back. Maybe it could have been better if the hall had been a little smaller.

Beril Yücecengiz M3-25

Advertising Does More Harm Than Good



Ads are one of the most effective ways to keep people up to date on products, news and more. The number of advertisements we see is increasing day by day. For example, the advertisements we encounter while watching or reading something distract our attention and our attention is turned to the product in the advertisement. Some people find these ads helpful because they inform them about new products. I strongly believe that

advertising has a lot of bad effects on society.

First of all, people who are affected by advertisements are constantly buying things. It affects women, men and children and causes them to consume constantly. They buy clothes, accessories and technological items and so on. Buying and consuming all these things causes people to have a short-term understanding of happiness and later these individuals become unhappy because the more ads they see, the more they want.

In addition, the ads constantly show us what's perfect. Perfect faces, muscular arms, well-groomed hair, etc. But life is not like that. As people see these ads, they start to feel incomplete. A young girl blames herself when she sees that the pants she saw in the ad are not suitable for her legs. It becomes difficult for us to even be at peace with ourselves because of the advertisements.

As a result, ads do not help but cause overconsumption and self-esteem problems. Those who find ads useful are advertisers. While they are making money, people deal with the problems posed by advertisements. So, take a stand and don't let ads hurt your life.

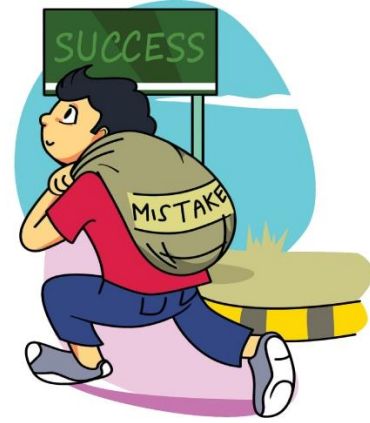
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Berra Budak M4-3

What Does It Take to Be Successful?

We experience a lot of success and failure throughout our lives. Sometimes we hit the rock bottom and sometimes we reach the top. But generally, going up is not as easy as falling from above. So, it is always more difficult to be successful. In cases of difficulty, people have the feeling that when they make mistakes, they will never be successful again. Failure drives them to despair. But I do not agree with this. I think failures bring us success.

Firstly, the mistakes we make teach us so much. None of them are in vain. This depends a bit on us, of course. But no matter what happens, we learn something from our mistakes. For example, a child who does not know that the stove is hot may touch the stove with his hand. When the child touches it, his/her fingers get burnt. And now he/she knows that the stove is hot. That child will never touch the stove again. I mean, this child is much smarter now.



Secondly, I think another secret to being successful is to be stable and decisive. Okay, we are successful, but there is no guarantee that we will not fail. If we don't take the right steps and maintain our success, we will make mistakes and fail again. Our failures show us what we shouldn't do. We must not forget our mistakes so that we can maintain our success. We should not give up and make the same mistakes over and over again.

Finally, your failures can make you feel bad at first. This is very normal. But believe me later on you will thank your mistakes and feel stronger. Psychologically, you will feel more confident. I can give many examples of this from my own life. I have experienced it many times. I made a lot of mistakes and now I am grateful for having made those mistakes because I feel better and mentally stronger.

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As a result, don't be afraid to make mistakes. Make a mistake. Then learn from your mistake. If there are good lessons left from your mistake, do not regret it. Never feel regretful because that mistake is now an experience for you. After that you will feel more confident and stronger. Also, never give up and learn to stand on your own feet. Love yourself with your mistakes.

Beyda Bostancı M4-8

Why Everyone Should Visit Their Ancestral Lands!

Wow! I see someone who is interested in history in front of me. I did not regret traveling and you will not, either.

Besides discovering the perfections of the world, the great thing about visiting our ancestors' homes is that we find ourselves in our own historical past. All you have to do while visiting those areas is to feel. The wonderful thing about going to where your ancestors lived is that you can get a

unique perspective that you cannot experience by reading a book about the people who made us who we are.

You can easily visit these places. There are even tours you could join. When you arrive there, one thing to remember is that you meet the people who live on that land now (if there are any) or any relatives living nearby. I'm sure it would be very effective to listen to some stories from them.

The cool thing about going to where your ancestors lived is that there are many things to do to feel like them. You can walk in the streets they walked, see the landscapes they grew up seeing and even see the places where they worshipped. One thing to remember is that you should be careful. It is impossible not to be affected by what you see and feel!

Anyone who is curious wants to visit their ancestral lands. Visiting our ancestral lands is one of the best ways to travel, explore and meet new people. If our ancestors hadn't existed, we wouldn't exist now.

Beyza Nur Aygün M3-27

Charity: Water

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Scott Harrison is an important charity founder. He suffered from depression for a long time. But later, he realized the bad condition he was in and decided that he could not go on like this. He made a big change in his life and started a charity organization.

A while later, he went to Liberia. When he got to the villages, he was shocked. People were sick and dying because they couldn't drink clean water. The children were in a much worse situation. That's why Scott wanted to do something to help them. He knew that it was very important to build wells and sanitary facilities in countries with water shortages. He also saw that people died because of lack of water more than the wars.

This problem is unavoidable, especially in arid regions like Africa. Indeed, 663 million people are suffering because of this. Although water is the source of life, thirst threatens the lives

of millions of people. We waste water in our daily lives, but the people in Africa are dying to find fresh, clean water. To be able to access water is their most important desire.

These people consume dirty water because it is very difficult to find clean water. This dirty water causes epidemics such as typhoid, cholera, pneumonia and dysentery. These diseases result in death and most of the children are dying. People are waiting for the wells and clean water. Their only concern is this. If people have wells and sanitary facilities, they won't have to use dirty water and also they won't have to go long distances to carry fresh water. As a result, diseases and also death rates will decrease.

In conclusion, Scott Harrison did not ignore this problem and provided a lot of help. He founded the foundation called "Charity: Water". Thanks to this establishment, fresh water is delivered to millions of people in many countries. Many philanthropists have also supported this foundation. People are now healthy and happy because of this charity. I hope in the future, the number of these kinds of foundations will increase and many people will use clean water.

Beyza Nur Sürer M4-3

Damaging Aspects of Advertisements

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These days we see advertisements everywhere. Some people try to avoid them. However, I think it is impossible. Even if you don't watch TV, you see ads on billboards or social media. In fact, they do not even give us enough information, so I think they don't help us. There is a big competition between companies as to who works with which model, or whose jingle is more memorable. In this competition, their sales increase, but they affect us badly and harm us.

First of all, I think ads make us feel insecure about ourselves. There are changing beauty standards all over the world. They change over time, and advertisements fit into it. For example, these days, in beauty ads, we see women with small noses, full lips and perfect bodies. They make us think there is an ideal body or face, which



simply doesn't exit. Actually, even these models are not 'perfect'. They work with professional makeup artists, photographers and editors. They cover the flaws and as a result we need to be in peace with make-up and photoshop.

Secondly, ads push us to do more and more shopping. They make us think we need that product. It can be a perfume, a pair of jeans or maybe electronic devices. We want to have the latest versions of them even if we don't have the right budget. Of course, advertisers know that, and they trick us. For example, they work with celebrities, so we trust the brand and product. It is easier these days because a lot of teenagers and young adults follow famous people on social media. Brands send the products to celebrities, and they promote these. For instance, it can be a face mask: All they have to do is apply the mask and share a story on Instagram.

Finally, advertisements are really distracting, especially when you search online for something you buy. Sometimes I just want to look up the meaning of a word, but browsers don't allow me. Pop-up ads appear with their colorful eye-catching themes on my screen. The worst part is they can read our browser histories and make us see things that we are interested in with personalized ads. It's really annoying.

Consequently, advertisements affect our thoughts about ourselves, shopping habits and they distract us. I think our world would be better without ads, but they exist and they will continue to exist. My advice is that we should remind ourselves that they are not real and be thankful for what we have.

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Bilge Budak M4-2

Vintage Car Museum

I have loved vintage cars for years. There are vintage car toys in my room. I was so happy when I heard that there is a car museum where I live. This museum is located in Torbalı, Izmir. We decided to go there with my friend.



Visiting this museum was really impressive. It was fascinating to see cars with different colors and features. It was very informative to have the history of each car written on a plate. I felt

like a person living in the 1930s while visiting the museum. There were cameras everywhere to protect the museum against theft.

However, although I visited the museum on a Wednesday afternoon, it was very crowded. Therefore, I couldn't examine some cars closely. According to me, the engines and cars should have been placed separately rather than in a mixed fashion. The last thing I want to add is that some places were too narrow for visitors to pass through and also you should go when it is less crowded to enjoy the cars from a closer distance.

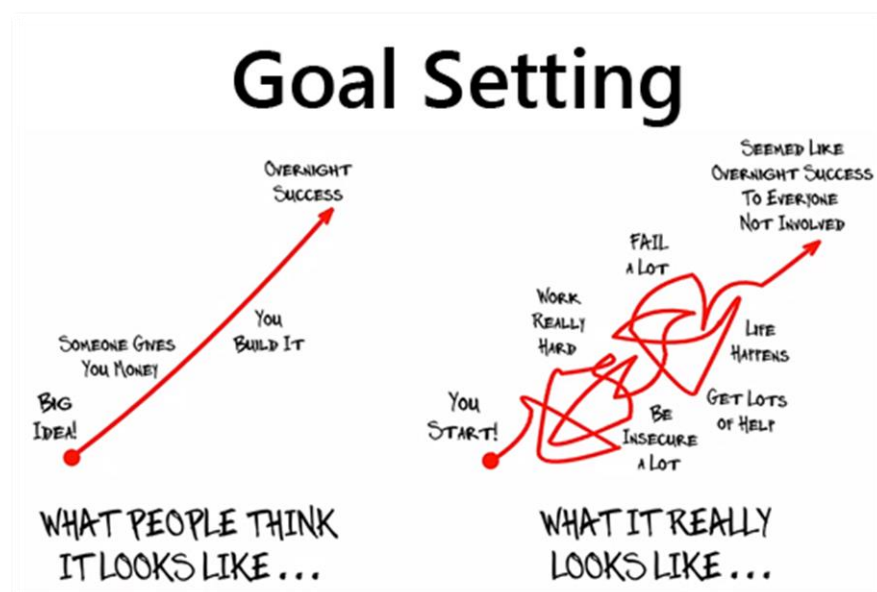
Bilgenur Aka M3-27

Success

Success is a concept that is different for every person. Whether it means having a great career, a home or a family, success is something everyone strives to achieve. Most people are delusional about success and what it takes. It makes you feel proud, it gives you excitement and it lets you know you have made an impact in a competitive world.

Some people often look for a "quick fix" and only want success if it is convenient and easy. The truth is that success is hard. It's not easy. It requires work, sacrifice and commitment. Success is not for everyone. If it were easy, then everyone would be successful. First of all, you have to sacrifice your social life. Because success needs a lot of hard work. For example, when a friend calls you to a party, you need to say no to them. Instead of going to the party, you think of the steps you will take to be successful.

Some people will live comfortably, and some will struggle throughout their lifetimes. However, many people are willing to settle with mediocrity. There's nothing wrong with that. But if deep down inside, you have that desire for success, then you owe it to yourself to pursue it. If you don't, then you'll always have regrets. For instance, you don't have anything,



but you can achieve a lot of things. Even reading a book is a success.

If the journey to achieve something becomes too tedious, it will be more challenging to succeed. Learning what you are capable of can be fun and exciting, so it is important to keep your goals light and fun in order to have an emotionally positive experience and keep moving forward without losing perspective.

Success is seldom random; it is methodical in nature. Each step of the method is as important as the other. Successful people never break the chain. Success is within your grasps – you just have to be willing to do what it takes. Do you have it in you? Are you willing to do what it takes to be successful? Time will tell. If I could break through, then you can too.

Bilgesu Karacaoğlu M4-7

First Impressions



In order to make a good first impression, there are certain things one has to do. First of all, looks are important. Depending on the situation, one might need to dress formally or informally. For example, if a person is going to a job interview, they must dress formally. But if the occasion is something informal, dressing formally is not necessary.

Secondly, one has to be punctual. If one arrives late even at a friendly meeting, it will give others a bad impression. They might think one is irresponsible or lazy. To avoid those kinds of situations, one must keep track of time. Wearing a watch on your wrist is a good idea because it can give others the impression that you check time frequently. Finally, the language one uses. Using slang words will give a bad impression. Contrary to that if one is behaving too kind it may seem like one is acting. Being kind enough is the key. So, if one dresses properly, and arrives on time or even early, and is careful with language, everything should be all right.

Burhan Zümrüt M4-3

Being Blind



I had a blind friend as a roommate when I was a student. She affected my life greatly. I always wondered how she felt as a blind person. In 2013, the exhibition Dialogue in Dark opened in Istanbul.

The exhibition was held to help people understand the blind. At the entrance of the exhibition, they asked us to put our phones, watches and any other devices that could be used to provide light in certain lockers. A blind person guided us. In

the exhibition, via a simulated environment, I was able to wander like a blind person in Istanbul. I used all my senses except sight because it was pitch dark in the exhibition. I was in the dark just like a blind person for almost an hour.

We walked in Taksim, crossed the streets, walked on the pavements by feeling the yellow lines. We also travelled on the Taksim tram, sat in a cafe, and ordered food and bought fruits from a greengrocer by feeling the fruits. While doing these, the sounds we heard - the sound of cars, the sound of people, the sound of animals made us feel as if we were really walking in the streets of Taksim.

It was really impressive to experience the difficulties the blind face. Whereas a tree or an electric pole that you suddenly see in front of you doesn't pose problems for a normal person like you, it turns into an obstacle for blind people.

After the exhibition, I became even more sensitive to the problems of blind people. However, I visited the exhibition on a Saturday afternoon, when it was extremely crowded. I had to wait in the queue for an hour to enter the exhibition. I'm sure you will want to stop and help a blind person the next time you see one after visiting the exhibition.



Büşra Ülgen M3-19

Can a Business Earn Money While Making a Difference?



In the business world, entrepreneurs have started to focus on new business models. More and more young entrepreneurs feel the need to make a difference in some way. For those who want to make a difference, giving back to the community is the best way in a business plan. Because both buyers and sellers are pleased with this giving back model. Businesses can support people in need in many ways. They can earn money while helping the community. Turkcell, a Turkish telecommunication company, has been doing good for the community for years.

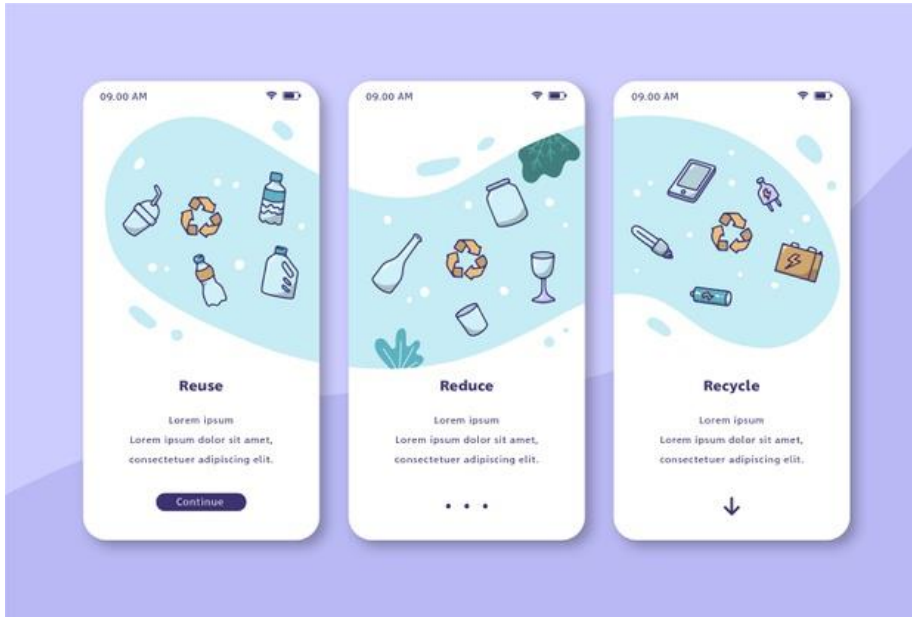
All around the world, many children don't have the chance to go to school. However, every child needs to go to school. The telecommunication company Turkcell has always wanted to change this unfair situation, and they started doing good for students. The company has donated millions of liras for children's education in Turkey. They have also built hundreds of schools and campuses. Secondly, women don't have equal opportunities with men in Turkey. Turkcell has looked into this problem. Their aim is to give women the chance to work. Turkcell implemented the "Women Power" campaign to empower women to set up their own businesses. One other thing they are working on is to end violence against women. They have taken important steps to do this and are one of the main supporters of women in Turkey.

Finally, as a Turkish company, Turkcell is sponsoring sports teams. They don't just want to advertise their company, but they also want to encourage people to do sports. They succeeded in helping thousands of sports people to have better and successful lives.

To sum up, it is possible to earn money while making a difference. Many consumers like the idea of giving back to the community. Because when they purchase from companies which are doing good, they not only give money to the company, but they also do good for the community.

Cem Davran M4-2

Recycling



Last week we discussed how a job can make money and do good at the same time in class. While discussing, I thought about what business I could do in the future that would benefit society and earn money at the same time and realized that the society we are in has many

shortcomings. One of them is that recycling is insufficient. Although it sounds very simple, this is actually a massive deficiency that can cause many problems. Recycling is of great importance for nature, the environment, and our future. We all know this now, but sometimes we have difficulty in applying it. So, I thought an application could be developed to facilitate this. I think it would not be bad if there was an application that would send us small notifications and brief information to remind us to recycle on a daily basis.

First of all, not having enough information about recycling or not paying enough attention to it means that we gradually slaughter nature. There is a limit to the resources we use. If we go on like this, it seems that it will not take long, and we will have used up our resources. For example, as one of the consequences of the rapid depletion of our resources, there have been serious problems in the glass industry. We may not be able to find any glass soon and of course we may have a lot of trouble due to this. It is very important for us to learn how to live with recycling.

Secondly, since people may forget the importance of recycling in their busy daily lives, an application that will remind them of this and make it simple to apply recycling in their lives would be very useful. It also means the more people use the application, the more money you make.

Finally, as a result of these two, people would be more willing to recycle when they think that they are protecting nature with a fun and simple application and leaving a better world for future

generations. People will be more conscious and will want to do something to minimize the damage they cause to nature. As a result, this application would be a unique opportunity for them.

In conclusion, although recycling seems like a simple concept because you just go and throw different items in different containers, not recycling enough is actually a huge deficiency that can cause many problems. Therefore, developing such an application seems like a very good business for both our world and your wallet. The logic and reason may seem simple, but there is no doubt that it will be effective because when people think they are doing something for nature, they will gain awareness, and this is the best reward for humans.

Cennet Yıldırım M4-8

Feast of Taste



My favorite dish is grape leaves stuffed with rice, parsley, chopped onions, tomato paste and a mixture of spices. And of course, do not forget the olive oil, plenty of it actually. There are people who make this dish by adding minced meat, but I prefer it in the way I described. I love this dish because it is a really delicious dish.

However, it takes a lot of time to prepare.

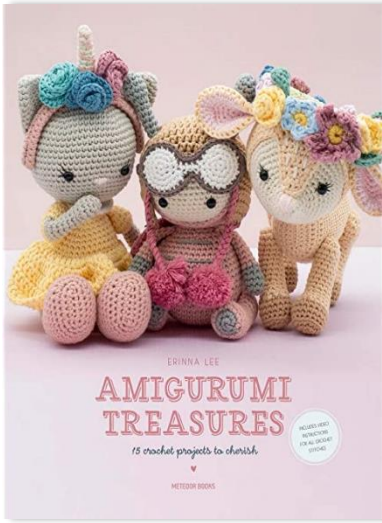
Leaves are wrapped one by one with the special mixture and then cooked by pouring water on it. A plate is placed on the rolled grape leaves so as to prevent them from soaking the water.

Although it is difficult, I like to prepare this dish myself. It is very important to make the rolls thin and to work hard in order for it to be perfect in terms of appearance. Usually, Turks say that grape leaves stuffed with rice and cooked with olive oil should be the size of a pinkie. This is one of the most important features.

If you want to make this dish, you should definitely put a lot of fresh mint in it because it will add a perfect taste to your dish and grape rolls should be served cold as they are cooked by using olive oil. You don't need any side dish to eat this dish, one or two spoons of yogurt will do. Once you start eating, you will find it hard not to finish them all.

Damla Şener M4-7

How to Become a Toy Magician?



I think everyone of us once wanted to become a wizard and create magical things. What if I tell you this does not have to remain a dream? Do you want to know how you could let a figure of anything appear from your fingertips? Then keep reading.

As some of you guessed, I am talking about the art of amigurumi. This is the art of making yarns of thread into cute toys by crocheting. It sounds simple but it is as limitless as your imagination. It is also very real and very fun to learn. Anything can be a figure. There are tons of figures on the internet, of popular cartoons, movies or people. And the best part is that it is

very easy to start! You just need to type it on YouTube and there you go!

I think nowadays we rarely find time to relax or make something we can feel with our hands. I think amigurumi is the perfect opportunity to do these. The question is, now that you have this knowledge, will you dive into the wonderful world of amigurumi?

Demeter Zeynep Irmak M3- 25

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Özlem Türeci, Founder of BioNTech

Özlem Türeci is one of the most innovative people in the field of Medicine. BioNTech, which she started in 2018 with her husband Uğur Şahin, worked on immunotherapy cancer treatments. With the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the company turned to finding a coronavirus vaccine.

Özlem Türeci was born in Germany in 1967. After graduating from university, she moved to Mainz. She conducted studies to fight against cancer at Mainz University Hospital. Her colleague, Uğur Şahin, whom she got married to in 2002, was an immigrant like her.



Türeci's life changed in 2020, when she started her research on COVID-19. She and her husband decided to find a vaccine. Despite all the pressures, they didn't give up and they started to change our lives thanks to the vaccine they found.

Türeci's story teaches us that we should always work for humanity. The most important thing in our life is health. Actually, we just need to do something we love and while doing this we can help other people along the way just like Özlem Türeci.

Doğa Özkan M3-11

How Advertisements Affect Us

Most people say that ads help us in many ways. However, they don't realize that ads harm us. They just focus on how ads are intriguing and attractive. I am quite different from these people. I hate ads and I think they harm us in many different ways.

First of all, ads have a bad effect on us. For example, when we watch ads on the Internet or

TV, we have the urge to buy this product even though we don't need it. When I go shopping, I find myself buying the product that I have recently seen on TV or that has popped up on the Internet. Another example that I would like to give is about my brother who is 6 years old. He asks for all the products that he sees on TV. This shows us that ads especially have a bad effect on children. They use cartoon characters and striking colors that children love. Children pressure their parents to buy the products they see. These kinds of ads make me really angry.

In addition, I hate seeing famous people in ads. As I said before they affect me too. When I see a beautiful singer or actress in an ad, I want to purchase that product. I think "Wow if she uses it and it makes her so beautiful, I have to use it too." Although I know that when they shoot the ad, they always edit their faces and bodies, I can't help myself buying it. Companies usually advertise

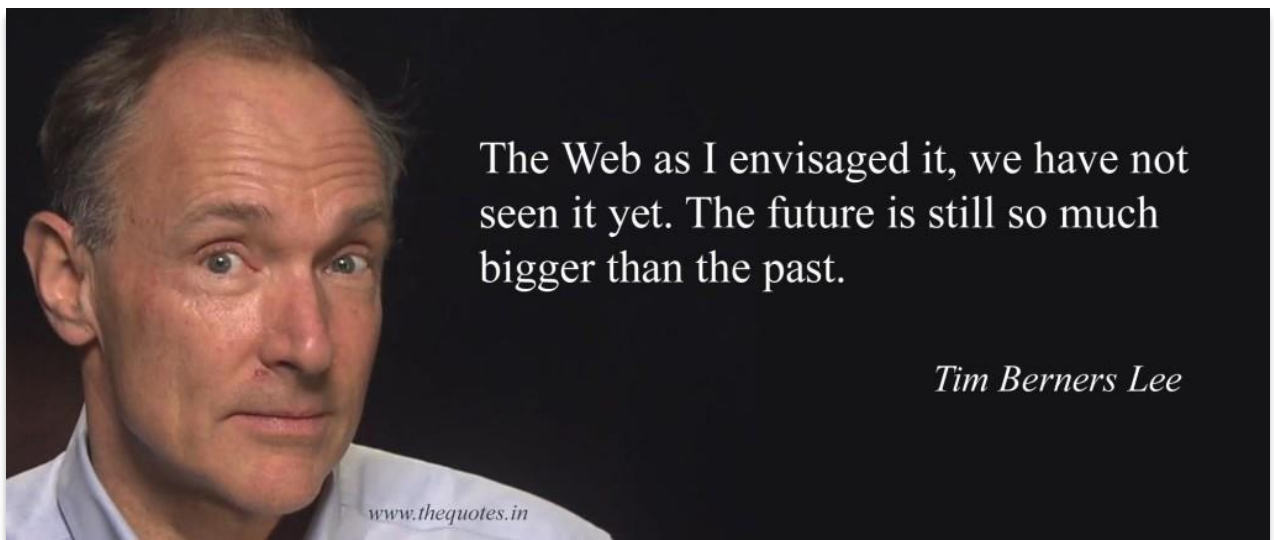


expensive items with celebrities. This makes our lives as ordinary people very difficult and we come to the conclusion that we are just simple people looking up to the famous. The advertisers want to influence and convince consumers in this way. We are exposed to these kinds of ads every hour and every minute.

To conclude, ads make me really feel uncomfortable and frustrated with my life. I want everything I see but I know I can't afford everything I see and want. And it makes me angry over and over again. I need to control myself so as not to be affected by them.

Elif Badioğlu M4-3

Tim Berners-Lee, founder of the World Wide Web



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Tim Berners-Lee is an English computer scientist known as the inventor of the World Wide Web (WWW). He developed the first web browser software in 1990.

Tim Berners-Lee was born on 8 June 1955 in London, England. His parents were computer scientists who worked on the first commercially built computer. He went to Queen's College, Oxford University, where he received a first-class degree in physics.

Tim Berners-Lee's life changed during his school years. He was banned from using computers at school because he was a "hacker". Despite that, Berners-Lee made a computer out of an old television set which he bought from a repair shop. And his interest grew more and more. The Internet has been developed since the 1960s as a way to transfer information between different

computers. However, Tim Berners-Lee made use of internet nodes and combined them with hypertext.

Although Tim Berners-Lee didn't guess that day that this idea was actually a revolutionary innovation that would affect the whole world, the invention of the World Wide Web has changed the shape of modern life forever. Thanks to this invention, we can connect with each other instantly from all over the world.

Tim Berners-Lee's story teaches us that we should never give up despite the difficulties we encounter. Most important of all, we need to focus on areas we are curious about to make new inventions.

Elif İşcan M3-24

My First Exhibition

When I was in primary school, I attended an art exhibition. I went to Zafer Plaza for the exhibition with my parents and cousin. It was a wonderful day for me because my painting was going to be on display. There were lots of people at the exhibition and if I remember correctly, there were a few celebrities. My painting was about Mother's Day. In my opinion, it wasn't my best painting, but it was good.

Everyone told me that I was good at painting. So, these remarks encouraged me to continue painting. This was the good side of the event.



However, there were some problems related to the lighting and space in the exhibition. Some paintings were in the corner and because of the inadequate lighting it was hard to see them. Also, it would have been better if there had been a larger area to display the paintings. There wasn't enough space between the paintings on the walls, so it looked a bit crowded. Overall, it was a great exhibition for children like me to see their works of art on display.

Emre Sarhan M3-36

A Successful Business

For years, people have researched ways to build good companies. One of the many ideas that have emerged is to combine aid projects with their products. The owners of the company have helped many people by sacrificing their profits and at the same time increased their sales figures

considerably. In this way, they have both become well-known companies and started to carry out beneficial projects for the world. There are several things these companies consider to ensure success.



First of all, companies should review the problems in society. Companies that see the shortcomings in the society and solve them become very advantageous in achieving success. For example, a company that creates a scholarship fund for students and transfers 20% of their income from the

products to this fund can become a successful company by attracting the attention of people to a large extent.

Another thing that can be done to be successful is to keep money in the background and focus on what you are doing. This point is really important. If people realize that you put money first, your reliability will decrease. For example, we must ensure the continuity of the scholarship fund we have started to award by taking the necessary precautions to neutralize the financial risks that will result in a delay or decrease in the amount of money we have promised to provide. In this way, we can be a more stable, reliable and successful company.

Finally, developing your project by finding creative ideas will be useful in making you successful. For example, you can organize a festival to choose the students for scholarships or invite people who are experts in education to talk to the community on different occasions.

In brief, if you want to create a successful company, you need to believe and develop the business you do. Be creative and get people to trust you so that you can be successful and do things that are beneficial for humanity.

Eren Yıldız M4-7

Jason Y. Lee, Founder of the Jubilee Media

Jason Y. Lee is the founder and the CEO of Jubilee Media, which he founded in 2017 in the hope of creating a movement of empathy for human good.

Jason Y. Lee is from Overland Park, Kansas and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania – The Wharton School. He is the youngest son of Korean parents who immigrated to the States. When he was a child, he wanted to be a dinosaur and a policeman. He wanted to fight for justice. His parents who are both professors had different ideas for him. He needed to make money in order to look after his family and to be respected, like his parents. He studied hard and was accepted to an Ivy League school, which is called University of Pennsylvania. He graduated with honors, and he found a well-paid job.

On his 22nd birthday, an earthquake happened in Haiti, so he decided to collect money at a New York subway stop by singing for Haiti. He posted the video on YouTube to raise \$80 for Haiti. Despite the fact that it was an unprofessional video he made with his phone, it reached 8,000



views in just one week and he ended up raising hundreds of dollars. According to Jason, that was the moment he understood the power of media and how media and stories can change the world. Soon after, his brother Eddie and friend Eric started to make more videos on YouTube with him.

Jason soon shot a video called “Love Language”. It was shot for raising awareness for the American Society of Deaf Children. The video went viral, and people started to talk about the YouTube channel which is named “Jubilee”. Today, Jubilee has over 1B views and 6 million followers. Jason loves to call his followers “good humans”. Jubilee creates videos that push people to feel more, think more, see more in others.

Esma Gökçen Sarılı M3-25

Demet Mutlu

Demet Mutlu is one of the most innovative and significant entrepreneurs in the online shopping sector in Turkey today. She is the founder and CEO of Trendyol, which operates in Turkey and Europe. Trendyol is the most visited online shopping website and introduces native Turkish brands to the world market.

Demet Mutlu was born in New York, USA, in 1981. She successfully completed high school in Italy and university in New York with a degree in Economics.

Demet's life changed in 2010. She had gotten accepted into Harvard University for a master's degree in business administration. However, she dropped out of Harvard because her eagerness of setting up her own business outweighed it and she got aware of the fact that there was a lack of companies in the field of e-commerce and fashion during her visit to Turkey. Therefore, she built Trendyol in the living room of her house.

Thanks to her, this sector improved and got very popular. With Trendyol, people can benefit from the advantages of shopping from where they sit. Also, it helps native brands in Turkey to sell their products online.

Besides being born with a huge chance like being a rich person, Demet Mutlu managed to make use of opportunities as well. She invested a lot of money in Trendyol but it was worth it because she was able to earn much more than that. She acted bravely and logically. Her success shows us how important it is to observe and determine what people need before launching a business.

Esra Gümüş M3-18

Tolga Çevik



Tolga Çevik is one of my favorite actors and I am keen on his shows. I find him really talented and successful in his field. That's why I wanted to watch his live performance, and I went to his comedy show last year in İstanbul. I felt very lucky because of that.

His comedy show was so funny, and I had a lot of fun. I liked the long show. The atmosphere was very impressive. I mean the lights didn't tire my eyes and the sound system didn't bother my ears. Also, the hall wasn't very crowded because there were a limited number of tickets. I liked it because I don't like crowded places.

However, there were a few problems. My seat wasn't comfortable, so I couldn't concentrate on the show. I was unlucky. I wish I had changed my place and sat on another seat. Also, the seats were too far from the stage. In my opinion, if they had been closer, the show would have created a much more powerful effect on the audience.

Fatma Ceylan M3-8

One of the Greatest Geniuses in History, Leonardo da Vinci

He was an Italian philosopher, astronomer, architect, engineer, inventor, mathematician, anatomist, musician, sculptor, botanist, geologist, cartographer, writer, and painter who lived in the Renaissance period.



Leonardo di ser Piero da Vinci was born in 1452 in the village of Soz Vinci, Florence. He was an illegitimate child, so he couldn't go to school by law. His uncle made him love science. His father, who noticed his drawings, sent Leonardo to serve as an apprentice for Verrocchio, one

of Florence's most famous artists.

Verrocchio gave Leonardo the task of adding angel figures to the painting titled "Baptism of Jesus". It was the turning point of his life. Leonardo da Vinci made the angel figures so beautifully that his master never painted again saying that Leonardo had surpassed him.

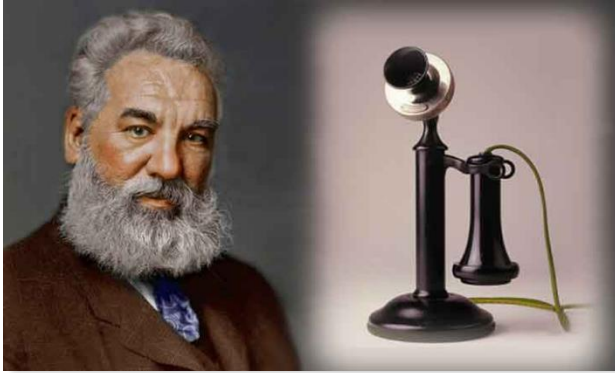
Leonardo was a versatile person. He contributed to science by designing submarines, scuba diving suits, armored tanks, parachutes, mobile bridges and many other things. Leonarda also became famous for designing the first machine gun and helicopter.

At the same time, Lonardo was an artist. He was a musical genius. He was good at composing and singing. He could also play a number of musical instruments. He was also a genius at painting, although he did not pursue it in his later life. Mona Lisa, Madonna Litta, Lady with an Ermine, The Last Supper, Salvator Mundi are some of his famous paintings. He spent his last three years in France where he died in 1519.

His discoveries and contributions to science still illuminate our present and future even centuries after his death. The mysteries in his works are still unsolved. A lot of geniuses have come to and gone from the world, but Leonardo da Vinci was undoubtedly one of the best of them.

Fikriye Nisa Yılmaz M3-26

Alexander Graham Bell



Alexander Graham Bell is one of the most innovative people in communication. He invented the telephone in 1876 so that people could hear and talk to each other. Alexander Graham Bell has many successes in the fields of electricity and physics.

Alexander Graham Bell was born in 1847 in Edinburgh, Scotland. Normally, he was a teacher for the hearing impaired. However, he realized that he had to do more for people with hearing impairments.

Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1875. In fact, he wanted to find a solution to the hearing problems of the hearing impaired, but he invented the phone instead. Although he had a lot of problems, he didn't give up. He tried and tried but he succeeded in the end. Suddenly, people started talking to each other thanks to the phone. Alexander Graham Bell shows us that no matter how hard we try, we shouldn't stop trying.

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Gülşah Çetinkaya M3-23

Why Everyone Should Go Scuba Diving!

This is amazing! It looks like heaven. That's all I can say about under the sea. There is no doubt that scuba diving is one of the most breath-taking hobbies. You'll really enjoy taking it up.

The great thing about scuba diving is that it's an intriguing hobby to take up. You need to put on special clothes and equipment such as a snorkel, a mask and a diving tube. All you have to do is to dive deep into the sea and enter through the gates of a new world because most people think that the world underwater is a world that gives great pleasure as it is explored.

Bali, Mexico and Costa Rica are famous locations for diving in the world. Besides the beauty under the sea, the other wonderful thing about diving there is that you can meet animals and have a good time with them.

One important thing not to forget is that you shouldn't do this activity alone. When you have a problem or are in a difficult situation, there must be someone to help you. You have to be trained in breathing techniques and navigation and other important topics.

You have to spend a long time under the water, but this activity is worth it. It's very exciting and charming. There are lots of good things to discover there. So, who wants to try to find them?



Hanife Güleç M3-7

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Learn to Play the Guitar!

Have you ever seen a person while playing the guitar on the beach or anywhere? Maybe, this person will be you. Who knows?

The positive thing about playing the guitar is that it is a cheap and enjoyable hobby. You should only take a guitar in your hands and enjoy yourself.

The cool thing is that there are lots of guitar lesson videos on the internet, so you can learn to play the guitar easily. It is also a very cool thing when you are playing the guitar, and everybody is watching you.

The wonderful thing about playing the guitar is that you can create great music. You can even play in a band, and you can be on the stage in the future.

Another nice thing about playing the guitar is that you can have lots of new friends. I think, only this factor is enough to learn to play the guitar. Isn't it?

If you are looking for a new hobby, playing the guitar might be the one. It is a cheap, enjoyable, simple, cool, and social hobby. Isn't it time to start playing the guitar? Let's start now!

Hasan Kolbaşı M3-8

Home Gym



Home gym! What is it? As we all know doing exercise is a very useful activity for the body and mind and these days 'home gym' is really popular due to the pandemic. People had to find a new alternative to going to the gym. Home gym has attracted a lot of attention as it is more reasonable to do during this critical time.

Actually, when I say “gym”, it does not mean that it requires a lot of equipment. The main point here is that you can do exercise at home for your health without going to the gym. Exercising at home keeps you active during the day and saves you from laziness. The pandemic shouldn't be your excuse. Some of the activities you can do are jumping rope, doing yoga or lifting small weights. If you can afford it, you can buy a treadmill and walk on it.

Another point is that the pandemic has affected everyone's psychology badly. It is getting harder and harder to maintain our mental health and it also provides a better focus on your life. So, working out at home during the day, can help us to get rid of depression.

Hatice Merve Deniz M3-24

Refik Anadol Exhibition in Istanbul

Refik Anadol is a famous new media artist who I love very much. He has a lot of colorful and animated works. I wanted to see his works live, so this exhibition was a great opportunity for me.

The exhibition was at the Gallery Pilevneli between 19 March - 25 April. I went on the first day because I couldn't wait. You should have seen the queue at the door. Nobody cared about the pandemy and they were so close to each other. If I hadn't wanted it so much, I would have definitely left without going in. However, the moment you walk in, you become so impressed by what you see that you forget everything. There are many fascinating artifacts on every wall. I'm sure you won't stop looking around in amazement. He is known for transforming architectural spaces and façades into giant canvases for live media arts. He creates site-specific public art and data sculptures, often paired with live audio and visual performances.

But be prepared for the rudeness of people, and try not to go crazy. If you want to be captivated by the world of technology transformed into art, I definitely suggest you go.



Melting Memories

Hilal Ömür M3-16

The Taste of Happiness

I enjoy eating food from different countries, but my favorite dish is sushi. It is a typical Asian dish. Sushi has a fairly complex history and has many variations. It is identified as a Japanese dish, but I more often eat it in a Chinese restaurant. I love a specific Chinese restaurant that I usually go to with friends. You can eat sushi at any mealtime, but I personally prefer it at dinner.

In general, it tastes spicy and salty. You have to eat it with chopsticks and dip the sushi into the wasabi for a spicy taste. The typical ingredients of sushi are fish, rice, and seaweed. Sushi also has some varieties made from vegetables. All these ingredients make sushi a balanced meal that



includes all kinds of vitamins and minerals. This dish is suitable for all kinds of tasters, but I do not recommend supertasters to eat wasabi because of its really hot and bitter taste.

This dish has a big importance to me because every time I eat it, it reminds me of the good old days and taste of happiness. Before the Covid-19 pandemic, we used to go to a sushi restaurant with my friends every month. We would go to our favorite Chinese restaurant each time and that restaurant staff got to know us very well and always knew what we wanted to eat. That Chinese restaurant had a friendly, authentic, Asian atmosphere. We did not make sushi at home. Sushi is a difficult

meal to make so we never tried making it at home, but ate it out. Hanging out with my friends was the best part. We used to laugh, talk and have fun. This is the reason why I get so emotional when I think of sushi. I want to go to a sushi restaurant and taste the happiness again.

Hüdanur Özgür M4-2

Why Play Volleyball?

I started playing volleyball in the first grade. My sister and my cousin were playing in the school volleyball team, and I took them as an example. I have been playing volleyball since then and I find it hard to quit this sport now.

The great thing about volleyball is that you can experience all kinds of emotions together in a game. Imagine the anger you feel when the opponent blocks your ball or the pain you feel when you land on the floor to save the ball. Of course, the satisfaction you feel when your team wins is priceless.

In addition to this, playing volleyball is a sociable sport because you can make friends with your teammates and even with your supporters. These friendships may become life-long friendships.

Most importantly volleyball is a team sport. So, to function as a team, you have to learn to trust your teammates and take responsibility.

Volleyball has added a lot to my life, and I think it will add something to everyone who plays it. So, I think you should start playing volleyball at an early age.

Hüseyin Aydın M3-16

The Path to Success



I'm sure everyone wants to be successful in the future when they are a kid. However, as we get older, we learn that it is not something easy to be. Whether you want to be successful in sports, art or business, it is always hard. But of course, we shouldn't stop or give up. So, what does it take to be successful? I believe that there are mainly three things we have to do.

First of all, you should put a lot of effort into what you want to be successful at. In my opinion, the best thing to do would be to focus only on it. If you don't focus on only one thing at a time, your mind can wander around, and it can be filled with useless things. You should also try to do everything you can do and never

miss good opportunities. Even if you don't become successful, you can think that at least you tried hard and put in a lot of effort. I'm sure even if you can't be as successful as you have dreamed of, you can still reach a good point because you put a lot of effort into it.

Second, you should be ambitious and never give up. Also, never be scared to fail. There are many successful people who failed more than ten times before reaching their goals and have succeeded, such as Stephen King. His first book *Carrie* got rejected 30 times but now he is a very famous and successful writer.

Finally, you should be ready to spend a lot of time reaching your goals. This means you have to be patient. If you are a lazy and impatient person who can't spend a lot of time on something, then you already lost your chance to be successful. For example, even when you have a normal school exam, you have to spend your time studying for it to get a good grade.

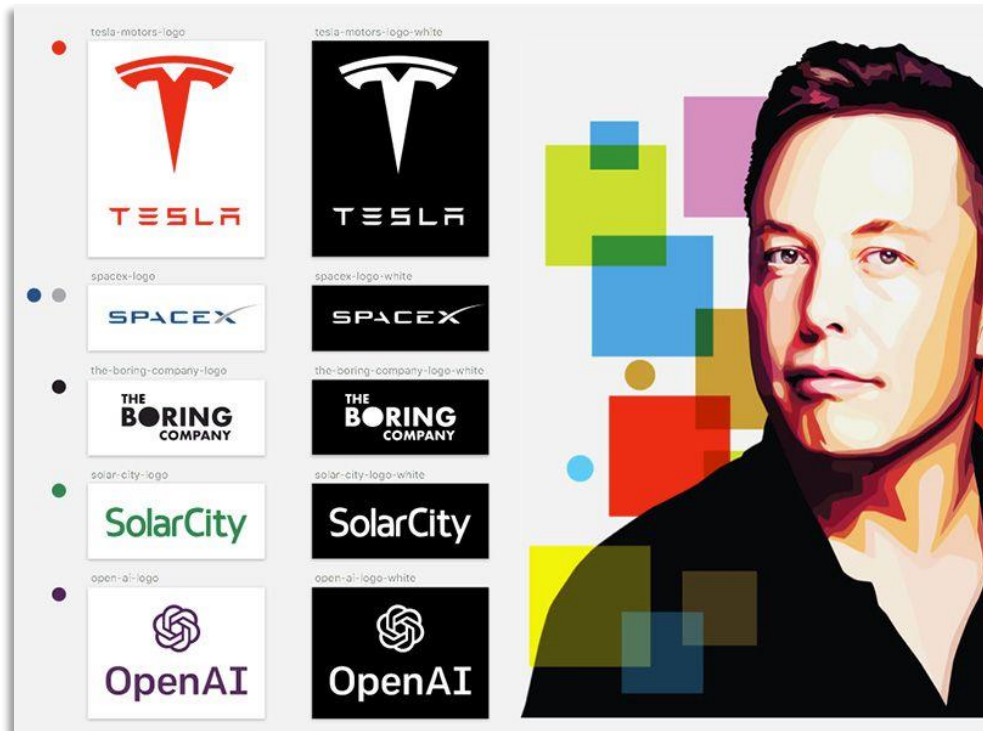
Being successful isn't something easy to do. You have to do your best, be patient and focus on your goals. Even if you can't become as successful as you have dreamed of, you can still be close to your goals and reach a good point.

İrem Tumbul M4-8

Elon Musk

Elon Musk is one of the most successful people in business nowadays. He is a business magnate and CEO of many companies. The SpaceX, which he set up in 2002, produces launch vehicles. The Tesla Motors, which he is a partner to, produces electric cars.

Elon was born in Pretoria, South Africa, in 1971. Although he graduated



from Pennsylvania University with a degree in Economy, he improved the Zip2 project with his brother Kimball and succeeded to sell it for 307 million dollars at a young age.

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Elon's life changed in 2002, when he started The SpaceX Company. Over time, SpaceX has grown and the company was offered to work with NASA so Musk would be able to achieve his multi-planet life understanding. He hasn't stopped working on different projects despite his numerous achievements. He has invested in Tesla Motors because the company fitted his understanding about consumer's rights. In time, the company managed to attract customers' attention and grew.

Although Elon hasn't reached all of his targets yet, he has provided many facilities for the future and people. He contributed to the production of electric cars and is trying to send people to Mars with the help of Nasa. Consequently, he could help humanity and our planet's future life. Elon's story teaches us that we don't need any excuse to change life and we should pursue our dreams no matter what.

İsa Kutlu M3-23

Is E-sports the Most Popular Sport?

E-sport, also known as electronic sport, has continued to surpass other sports as statistics show. How did this happen?

First of all, e-sports is a sports branch based on online games. Electronic sports can be



defined as a sport where people from all over the world can come together and play games on the Internet, or people from different parts of the world can come together and play games in major international electronics sports organizations organized at certain times.

According to data published by www.Esportsearnings.com, \$24 million were distributed as a prize in the Dota game in the last 2 years, so this amount has surpassed the 2017 FIFA Confederation Cup and the 2017 Masters golf tournament awards. Also, the \$2.5 million prize distributed at the 2016 Halo World Championship was much more than the ones in the 2018 World Darts Championship and the 2017 Tour de France. As you can see, according to these data, e-sports has gradually turned into a crazy sport among young people and the prize pool is huge.

Now, municipalities also show a lot of interest in this sport. For example, the municipality of Bursa shared a text saying it is launching the first e-sports tournament in 2021. The first comprehensive e-sports tournament of the year was held between 11-17 January 2021, which gave e-sports lovers great excitement with 4 different games.

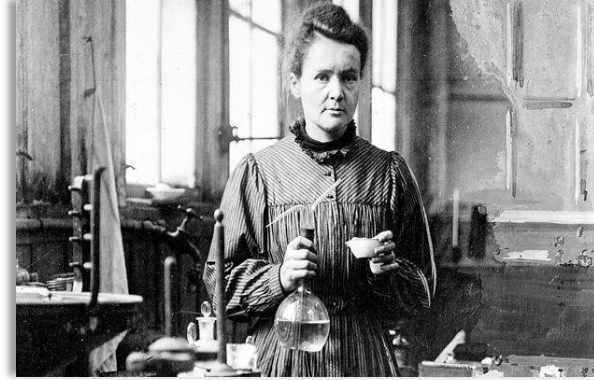
As you can see, the e-sports community is growing, and people of all ages love to play games. Big prizes are given out. If you have the talent, you can join the thousands of people already queuing up for registration to have fun and also win prizes while playing the game.

Kaan Özer M3-36

The Woman Who Died for Science: Marie Curie

Marie Curie was a physicist and chemist. She was one of the most significant innovators in the world. She was the first woman in France to defend her doctoral thesis. She discovered radiation and helped to apply it in the field of X-ray. She won the Nobel Prize in both chemistry and physics.

Marie Skłodowska was born in Poland in 1867. She studied physics and mathematics at the Sorbonne University in Paris. She met Pierre Curie who was professor of physics there and they married. After their marriage, she and her husband discovered polonium and radium elements. After her husband died, she started teaching at the university instead of her husband. She became the first woman to teach at the Sorbonne Institute. She devoted her life to science and her students.



The turning point for her was that she went to France to attend Sorbonne University because in Poland, where she was born, women could not attend university.

Madame Curie's works have a very important place in today's cancer treatment. Even the radiotherapy method was developed thanks to the radium element she found. She laid the foundations of the science of radiology.

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She never gave up despite paying heavy prices. Her story teaches us that we should not be afraid of anything in life. No matter what, we should not give up.

Kübra Avlukyarı M3-7

The Importance of Sponsorship

There are lots of ways to support athletes or sport teams, but I would like to talk about the importance of sponsors. Most people can think accepting money from sponsors is not important for athletes but it's not true. For me, sponsors play an important role for athletes.

Firstly, most of the athletes may not have enough money at the beginning of their careers and some might even have to end their careers because of this. For that reason, athletes should be supported by sponsors. In this way they are able to focus on doing their sport only. They don't have to worry about how to finance flights, attending events and competitions, and of course equipment. Just focusing on their sport will make them successful.

Secondly, sponsors are very important because they can help athletes to reach a wider audience and to become known easily thanks to their media connections.

Finally, sports teams should also accept financial help from sponsors. When each player doesn't have to worry about finances, this will help them to do their best for their team and thus increase the success of their team.



To sum up, there are still people who think sponsors are not important or they are unnecessary. However, I believe that sponsors help athletes and sport teams to improve themselves and to reach a wider audience.

Kürşat İslam M4-2

The Road to Success

Many people think that we need other people to support us in many ways so that we become successful but that is not the case. That belief is common among people, but I completely disagree with that. Only we by ourselves can create the road to success.

Theodore Roosevelt, who was the president of the USA, said: "Believe you can and you're halfway there." The first step of success starts with believing in yourself. If you have confidence in yourself and determination, there are no limits for you in this world.

One of the most important things to become successful in life is working hard and not giving up. If you follow your dreams and focus on your work without listening to anyone's talk, someday you will reach your goal.

The last thing that you shouldn't forget is that failure isn't something bad for you and it even can be beneficial for you. Many people like Thomas Edison and J.K. Rowling failed so many times, but they learnt something from their failures. They didn't consider them as a disaster.

To summarize, you shouldn't care about what others think because the road to success is not there. You have to believe in yourself and try hard. When you do these things and follow your dreams, you will reach your goals.

Mehmet Selim Şimşek M4-8

Who Wants to Go Paragliding?

Who does not want to breathe clean air when flying thousands of miles above? While paragliding, imagine how happy and free you will feel if you pass by the sun, laugh out loudly, and scream.

I know you all got very bored in your houses during the pandemic. Now it is time to have fun. I would like to share your excitement when you are paragliding in Babadağ, Fethiye.

The good thing about Paragliding is that you will learn it easily. But one problem with paragliding is the fear of height. When there is such a problem, you can do paragliding with another person. Maybe this can help you to overcome your fear.

The wonderful thing about paragliding is that you will feel free in the sky. You will shout and laugh while being carried away by the wind.

You don't need to be a professional. It is very easy to learn as long as you want it. The cool thing about Paragliding is that it leaves you with a lot of memories. One thing to remember is that you should wear casual clothes.

Everyone wants a little excitement and difference in their lives. Watching the sunset and the sunrise is more enjoyable now. Live the moment and join us in the sky. It's time to do this fun and easy hobby. Come on. What are you waiting for?!

Melike Akay M3-34

Azade Köker

Two years ago, I went to a modern art exhibition in Istanbul where I could see paintings of one of my favorite artists. I cannot paint very well, but art has always attracted my attention. The reason I went there was my interest in painting and my admiration for Azade Köker. I have always admired all the masterpieces she made, and her paintings have always comforted me.



Azade Köker is an artist who has made a tremendous impression with many of her paintings, and everyone can see her paintings in important exhibitions. The theme of her paintings is generally nature. That's why when I look at her works, I feel as if I am in nature.

Also, there were works of other artists in the exhibition I went to. The exhibition was quite comprehensive because there were paintings made by many artists with different themes. They were all valuable works of art but unfortunately, I didn't have time to take a closer look at all of them. Finally, I have gained a lot of new perspectives because of the wide variety of pictures that came



from many parts of the world, so I really liked this exhibition.

However, there were some problems with the exhibition. There were left over foods and rubbish on the floor. Although it was an important exhibition, I could not understand why there was garbage.

Melis Güney M3-18

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More than a Company

There are many successful companies in the world. Some of these companies are famous for their products as well as the favors they have done. I live in Eskişehir and there is a food company called ETI in the city where I live. This company is very successful and sells a lot of products to other countries. ETI is also known for helping people in many different ways. This company helps education, students and its employees.

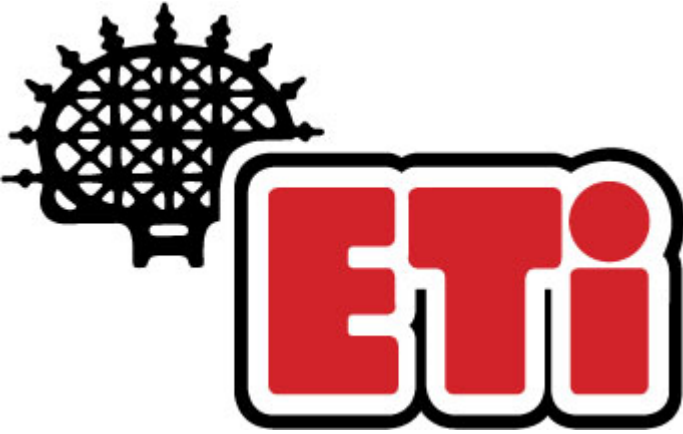
ETI has built many schools in the city where I live. ETI donated these schools to the state. I graduated from one of the schools this company built. Education is very important in our country as it is in every country. ETI is one of the companies that attach importance to education. ETI's support for education has made this company more recognized and appreciated by the public.

Also, ETI offers scholarships to many students who need help. In this way, ETI enables these students to continue their education. Thanks to these scholarships, ETI prevents many students

from quitting their schools due to financial difficulties. ETI also helps students in the villages with educational materials. ETI helps education as much as it can.

Finally, ETI gives aid packages to employees every month. In this way, this company reduces the expenses of its employees. ETI attaches great importance to its employees. This company provides a lot of perks to its employees. My cousin works in ETI's factory and is very happy to work here. ETI is a company that helps its employees in every way.

In conclusion, companies can be successful while doing good. ETI is one of the best examples of these companies. ETI is both one of the most successful companies in the food industry and a company that inspires other companies to help people. I am sure that ETI will be more successful in the future and will help more people.



Mert Ali Erdem M4-8

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Immersive Theatre at the Dante Academy, London

Hamlet by Shakespeare is one of my Favorite plays. I have been to many different countries to watch various performances. I wondered how good an immersive theatre could be, so I bought a ticket to watch my Favorite play in London.

Although the tickets were very expensive, the Dante Academy was very crowded that day. The actors couldn't interact with the audience. I was too far from the stage, so I couldn't hear anything. It was a catastrophe. The play wasn't worth the price. It lasted too long as well, so I wanted to leave after an hour. The only things I liked were the decorations and the costumes in the play.

I wouldn't recommend this immersive theatre play since the whole experience was terrible for me. I recommend going to a normal theatre instead of this. It's cheaper and more enjoyable.

Merve Bař M3-7

The Ankara Natural History Museum



One of my favorite museums is the Ankara Natural History Museum. It was established in 1935 by the order of Atatürk. I went to the Ankara Natural History Museum a long time ago and I loved everything very much. Also, I was delighted to visit it again last week.

The dinosaurs, mummified creatures and rocks were amazing. I felt as if I had gone back in time. The fact that it is a very large museum means you will have long enjoyable moments that you won't forget.

However, I visited the Ankara Natural History Museum on a Saturday afternoon, when it was extremely crowded. So, it was difficult to get close to the mummified creatures. The area where the mummies were located was small compared to the museum. If it had been bigger, it would have been easier for people to look at the exhibits from a closer distance. All in all, I would strongly recommend the Ankara Natural History Museum.

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Mete Aslan M3-11

Elon Musk, Founder of SpaceX

Elon Musk is one of the most innovative people of this century. He founded SpaceX in 2002. Besides, there are lots of companies he founded. SpaceX produces space rockets, which are reusable. Elon Musk wants to use these rockets in the Starship project. Starship will be a fully reusable transport system capable of carrying up to 100 people to the Red Planet.

Elon Musk was born in Pretoria, South Africa Republic in 1971. He moved to the USA to study at university. He studied finance at Pennsylvania University. After university, he founded Paypal with his five friends.

Elon's life changed when Paypal was sold. He earned 150 million dollars through this sale. So, he founded SpaceX, Tesla and Neuralink. These companies made him one of the richest people in the world thanks to their innovative products and ideas.

Although Elon didn't graduate from any engineering or physics department, he has designed some of the products in his companies. He said he was able to do it by reading physics books. He has lots of innovative ideas but the most important one is that he wants to travel to Mars and establish a human colony there. As a result, he really wants to change humanity's destiny.

Elon's story teaches us that ideas are more important than money. So, we should work to realize our ideas, not to earn money. If we do something we love and work hard, we will be happy and earn money at the same time.

Muhammet Mustafa Demirkol M3-19

Making a Good First Impression

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Making a good first impression on people can be more important than we think. So, let's see what you should or should not do when you see someone for the first time.

First of all, be positive. People like meeting people who are happy and enjoying themselves. Also, greet people with a smile and a firm handshake. This will make you look more friendly. Lastly, if you want something, ask politely. It's OK to ask for something but do it respectfully. While doing all these, don't neglect to make eye contact.

Let's see what should not be done now. First, don't complain. You might think you're stating facts, but you're really just complaining. No one likes a complainer. Next, don't interrupt others when they're talking. No one likes being interrupted.

To sum up, don't forget that if you're not good at meeting people or making great first impressions, seek help from a friend or colleague. Go through this list with them and ask if you have done these. This will help you break bad habits and make you look better.

Mustafa Şentürk M4-8

How To Make a Good Impression?

We want to make a good impression on our friend's parents because it can help us to get closer and it strengthens our bond. However, there are some rules that we must follow. First of all, we should try to learn something about them from our friends. If our friend's parents have a hobby, we can use it to maintain our conversation confidently. For example, if they like traveling, we can say, "I heard you travelled to Egypt last summer, how was it? Do you have any impressive stories?" Another thing is that we should introduce ourselves politely. When we meet the parents, we can keep smiling and shake hands firmly. It will help if we tell them our name and how we know their child. Finally, it will be best if we watch our talk. We should not use any slang or offensive words. This will disturb them. Also, we should avoid talking about political or religious issues. If they are traditional people, we may have a conflict of opinion. They may consider us unkind or disrespectful. Making a good impression on our friend's parents is as important as making a good impression on our friend. Although it seems complicated and difficult, we can successfully get through this first experience if we follow this critical path.

Müşerref Öztürk M4-7

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Calisthenics

Do you want to keep fit and gain muscles? Are gyms boring for you? So, I offer you to take up calisthenics. Calisthenics is a kind of gymnastics. You need more strength and mobility than in any other sports. I took up calisthenics in 2020 and I know that I won't ever regret taking it up.

A nice thing about calisthenics is that you can do it everywhere, for example, in the park, at home, at the gym. I mean absolutely everywhere. You don't need to use equipment because you

can also do it without any equipment. Of course, there is some special equipment for calisthenics. You can buy it but it's up to you.

Do you prefer to do sports alone or with a team? The wonderful thing is that it is a very social sport. You can join a team; you can even take part in the competitions.

One thing to remember is that it's not an easy sport. You need to exercise regularly. If you exercise regularly, you will be able to do all movements.

Everybody wants to do something different or maybe extreme. And some of us want to grab the attention of others. So why don't you try calisthenics? Let's start today and see your result in a



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year.

Nijat Rasulzada M3-4

The Mesmerizing Art of Marbling

It's really cool! That's all I can say as I look at my masterpieces. I'll never regret taking up marbling.

Marbling is actually a harmony created by the dance of colors with water. The cool thing is that paints in various colors turn into brand new patterns on the water surface drop by drop. It's all up to your creativity.

The wonderful thing about marbling is that it relieves your stress. While creating your design, you get so absorbed creating different patterns that there is no time for feeling stressed.

The great thing about marbling is that it is an easy hobby to take up. You just need special brushes, paints, paper, and a tray.



Are you ready to spend some time at home with colors and paints, demonstrate your creativity, relieve your stress with an easy hobby? Let your hands move in the water and the paints. Finally, the artifact that belongs only to you is formed. So, isn't it time to start this ideal hobby?

Nurşen Coşkun M3-18

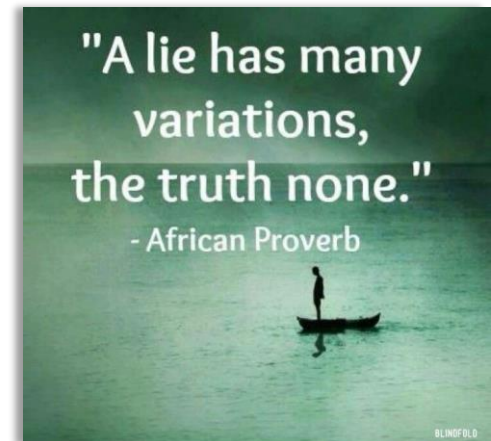
Lies are Everywhere

I do not like to tell lies but there are situations where I may have to lie. Most people are like that. We may have to lie to fix things to make them better. No matter what, I still find myself lying about some things. We are torn between lying or not, and we keep wondering what this situation will lead to.

The first reason we lie is not to make the situation worse. We constantly think about what will happen if we tell the truth. People's reaction may scare us. For example, a few years ago, I heard that my friend's grandmother was sick. My friend didn't know this because we had our finals then and his family didn't want him to get depressed. If I had said the truth at a time like that, he would have got upset and would not have been able to concentrate.

Another reason why people lie is the need for approval by others. Imagine that you are in a big exhibition, and you are talking to a famous artist pretending to have your own works of art. This person's comments are very important to you. Even the slightest compliment from this person will make you happy. In this case pretending to be someone you are not and being praised is also a lie.

As a result, everyone resorts to certain types of lies for specific purposes. As bad as lying can be, in some cases it is necessary. Everything will be much better if we can grasp the distinction between lying and not lying.

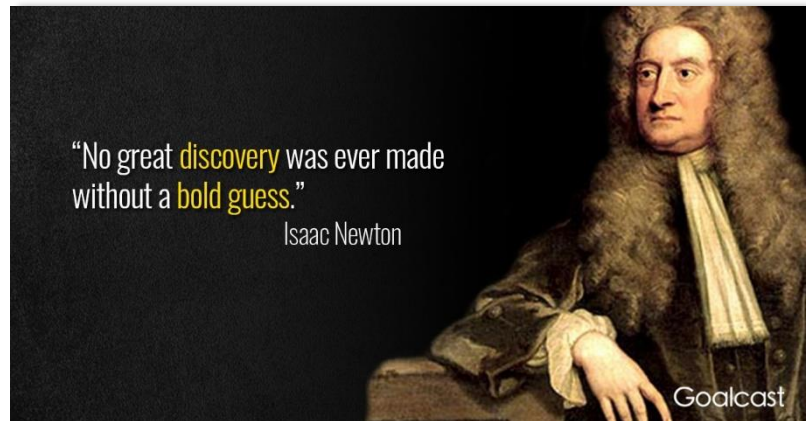


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Ogün Özdemir M4-8

Isaac Newton

Isaac Newton, a successful scientist, is one of the most innovative people in history. He made important discoveries. The Law of Gravitation, Calculus, Binomial Theorem are some of these discoveries. Even Einstein himself said he was the greatest scientist.



Newton was born in England in 1643. His father died before he was born. He started school in Grantham when he was 12 years old. He entered Cambridge University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1665. Newton dropped out of his graduate studies at the university because of the plague epidemic and he went to the farm where his mother lived.

Although he was far from the university, he started to make his most important discoveries during this period. This event was the turning point in his life.

The Law of Gravitation, Calculus, Binomial Theorem, Reflecting Telescope and The Laws of Motion are some of his discoveries. Although Newton didn't invent many machines, almost all machines were invented thanks to his discoveries.

Isaac Newton's story shows us that obstacles cannot prevent us from achieving our goals.

Ömer Faruk Coşkun M3-34

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Being Successful: Everything is in Your Hands

Success is like a valuable element that everyone wants to achieve, but it is reached by those who really strive. Most people have written success stories at a very young age and received big awards. Their families and the path they follow have a big influence on the success of these people at a young age. Some people, however, believe that success is an innate talent and that most people succeed without making enough effort. People who believe in this idea are probably people who haven't put in enough for success and are looking for an excuse for it. I don't believe success is an innate talent. In fact, there are hundreds of real-life stories of people who have tried to succeed but

failed at first but eventually succeeded. Additionally, I do not believe that success can be achieved if the necessary conditions are not provided. With hard effort, good planning, and support from family and friends, there is nothing you cannot attain.

First, continuing without giving up and not putting the blame on yourself is one of the steps to success. Acting consistently from the beginning, or at least striving for your goal, will strengthen your self-belief. It will be the most effective method you can do to keep on motivating yourself, without letting the obstacles in your way stop you. For example, when you can't solve a few questions in your math lesson, you get the idea that math is not your lesson, and you will never be successful in this lesson. It would be absurd to come to this conclusion without trying to learn from the formulas in the book or the educational videos.

Second, planning well for your goal and keeping track of it day-to-day is the second step to success. Most people find setting up their own plan a hard task and seek help from some knowledgeable people. I do not find this method useful. No one knows you better than you do. Maybe you can try to stick to this schedule for a few days or weeks, but once you notice something is missing somewhere you will start to discover yourself. When planning your goal, knowing yourself and taking into account your qualifications and inadequacies will bring you closer to your goal.

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Finally, when you are depressed and you cannot find the strength to continue, the support of your family and friends will give you strength and willingness to continue. Even if you fall down when you know that you are not alone and that someone is standing by you on the way you are going, you do not feel any worries or fears. Your family dedicates their life to you and tries to recover you every time you fall into pessimism, whether you are successful or not. Even knowing and feeling this provides the necessary dedication not to give up.

There are still people who believe that success is an innate talent, not something accomplished through effort. There may be some exceptions, such as people with high IQs from birth. However, I believe that being successful is a demanding and time-consuming thing. Thanks to putting in hard effort, good planning, and the support from your family and friends, being successful is not something that can be viewed from far.

Öznur Aşı M4-3

Let's Go Cycling!

Perfect! Cycling makes me happy and free. I like this feeling and I won't give up even when I get old. Actually, it isn't just a hobby or a sport. You can use it for transport, especially for short distances because it's really healthy for the environment and us. It's better than using public transport or cars.



One nice thing about cycling is that it's a cool social activity. You can join cycling tours. It's an amazing way to meet people and stay fit. Also, many tournaments and competitions are held in many parts of the country. If you improve yourself in this sport, you can join them and find yourself winning a medal or trophy.

A good reason to cycle is that it's a cheap sport. Once you have bought a bicycle, you can use it for a long time. So, most people try this sport. If you don't want to buy one, you can prefer to rent it, especially in touristy places.

Cycling makes you feel free, it is an environmentally friendly form of transport, a social and cheap activity. By the way, it can be a great start to enjoy nature. How about exploring the countryside and the woods on a bicycle?

Rümeysa Ketenci M3-5

First Impressions

First impressions are important when we want to meet someone new. How should we form this first impression? It depends primarily on where you meet that person. Especially nowadays, friendships are made on the internet due to the pandemic. First, if you meet a person online, you must be reliable and not reply late to messages. Also, if you are going to meet this person face to face, you should be punctual and cheerful. In both cases, being sincere and being yourself are important. That is, you shouldn't pretend to be another person. The first minutes are usually

important for a good impression. Next, if you want to leave a good impression, you should make eye contact with your friend. Last, try to find common conversation topics in the first few minutes for a better future. For example, ask questions like “What kind of movies do you watch? What kind



of music do you listen to?” In general, I can say that first impressions are important for forming a good friendship and positive first impressions are the beginning of long-lasting relationships.

Sefa Murat Atıcı M4-8

The Mursi Tribe

The Mursi tribe lives in the villages near the Mago River. They are actually on the borders of two countries, Kenya and South Sudan. These people protect the borders from other countries, so this makes the tribe important for the government. The Mursi tribe is well-known because it is an unusual tribe when compared to the other Omo Valley tribes. They are known for their isolated and dangerous lifestyles.

All of the Mursi tribes create their own villages. The villages are named by the headman who leads the group. After inter-tribal fights, if they are defeated, they may have to move to another land, so they have moving houses. Generally, only one family lives in each house. Women and children sleep there, but men have to protect the village from wild animals and other tribes, so they hide behind the bushes in the evenings. Another thing about these houses is they have very small front doors, which means “respect”.

The Mursi have a weird custom about marriage. If a young Mursi wants to get married and start a family, he has to fight another man in his tribe. The fight is called “DONGA.” Donga is a Mursi tribe stick fighting tournament which is organized annually. Every local village sends their top male fighters to attend this once-a-year event for village honor. The winners of the fight have a chance to become a chief and marry a girl. However, it is not as simple as it seems to be. Fighters might get hurt or injured, and they might even die. At the end of the fight, if a young man wins the battle, he can choose the girl he wants to marry on condition that he chooses a girl from his own



tribe because getting married to somebody who is in another tribe is not allowed.

How does a young Mursi choose a girl in his tribe? Women have unique beauty secrets. The sense of beauty of Mursi women affects you in the first place. They are known for wearing lip plates. When they are young, they cut their lips deep with thorns and wear lip plates. Every day they rub coal on their lips to be able to wear the lip plate easily. Girls wear this incredible jewelry despite the fact that they may lose their teeth because lip plates symbolize a woman’s beauty and wealth.

Although the Mursi live in complete isolation, the area where they live is not very bad. However, they just have cows, so cows are significant to them. They are not like Indian people. They eat cows and drink cow’s milk. They even drink cow’s blood. Also, they use the cow’s horn for decoration. Do they have another source of food? Of course! Fish live in the Mago River, but they don’t eat them because they believe that only poor and weak people eat fish.

Isn’t that an interesting tribe? Although we live in the same age, we have different lives. They hunt to get food, but we pay money. When they look into the sky, we watch our TVs. By the way, if you decide to visit the Mursi Tribe one day, don’t forget to report it to the government. The people of this tribe are considered extremely dangerous, and they kill many outsiders, so you can’t go to any Mursi village without guards.

Müşerref Öztürk M4-7

Fitness and Healthy Nutrition: The Word “Fit”

As we all know leading a healthy life is so important for everyone. We always hear stereotyped words and clichés about keeping fit. However, we still have trouble comprehending the word “Fit”. When you say this word, everyone visualizes a person who is slim or thin. Essentially, this word doesn’t refer to being underweight, but rather to being totally healthy. In order to be fit, you should have adequate muscles in your body. At the same time, your bones and your body should be in a decent shape. Furthermore, being in good shape is not enough to be perfectly fit. You should also be strong, resistant, fast, robust and flexible. So how can you be fit and healthy at the same time?



There are several habits you should adapt to your life in order to have a fit and healthy body. As we always hear one of them is exercising. It helps you be active in your everyday life. Regular physical activity also prevents a great number of health problems like type 2 diabetes, stroke, high blood pressure and psychological problems like anxiety and depression. As we all know, the world is in a crisis these days, and we are at home for a large part of the day. We are all more inactive than ever. But it is still not a handicap for exercising. If you don’t have any sports equipment, you can consider doing yoga or Zumba as they are good options. If you have special equipment, you can do Pilates, fitness, spinning, or cardio. You may even do bodyweight exercises at home. Exercising is an excellent way to keep fit and have some fun at the same time.

Adequate sleep is another critical element for a healthy life. If you sleep well at night, you will feel more energetic every single day, and you will wake up easily in the morning. Exercising will help you to sleep better indeed.

In my opinion, among all these options offered to keep your body fit, the most significant one is eating healthy. Always, opt for healthier choices. In order to eat right, you should take lean protein, whole grain carbohydrates and prefer calcium-rich foods like dairy products. Limiting your sugar intake is another important alteration. Due to excess sugar consumption, your body may need

a harsh detox. Keeping track of calories to maintain body weight and limiting your food intake protect you from overeating. You should eat your food in appropriate portions, for sure, and stay away from junk food or greasy heavy foods. They all have a great amount of unhealthy fats and processed sugar, and such substances ruin your diet. Moreover, you should avoid fried food. They all contain trans-fat since they are fried over and over again. Trans fat, which is also called trans-fatty acid, increases your bad cholesterol (LDL) and accordingly decreases your good cholesterol (HDL). It also increases the risk of a heart attack. Staying hydrated throughout the day is crucial for your body as well. Up to 60% of your body and 73% of your heart and brain is water. The average adult body needs 2 or 2,5 liters of water each day, but it also depends on your body weight. In other words, water is of vital importance to all living beings. The amount of water needed daily can be calculated on the Internet easily. Taking between approximately 8.000 and 10.000 steps in a day should be a target for us all. You can use a fitness tracker or Steps App to motivate yourself.

To sum up, being active and fit is not easy. It may take your time to get used to the routine at first. But once you adjust to the changes in your life, you will start leading a healthier life, and presumably you won't return to your bad habits. Stay healthy!

Selen Dilbaz M4-7

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Pottery Making



You know what they say: "True beauty lies in the eye of the beholder." You don't have to be a master artist to create something beautiful when you make pottery. In other words, you don't have to be a perfectionist and should create whatever you can. So, take some clay in your hand and just start.

The great thing about making pottery is that it is an easy hobby to take up. You don't always need wheels to make pottery. You can create beautiful things with your hands. All you need is some clay.

You don't need to attend expensive courses. The cool thing is that there are many videos on lots of websites to help you when you start. You can make vases, cups, mugs, plates, and even jewelry with clay just by watching these videos.

The wonderful thing is you can give these to your friends on their birthdays. I'm sure your friends will love this surprise.

The nice thing about making pottery is that it is actually a very sociable hobby. There are local societies all over the country and enthusiasts often meet up for pottery nights. So, you can get to know many people and be inspired by some artists.

I believe there is an artist in everyone and making pottery is a surprisingly simple, inexpensive, and sociable way to reveal this. So, isn't it time to discover the artist inside you?

Sude Türker M3-19

Elon Musk: The Founder of the SpaceX, SolarCity and Tesla Motors

Elon Musk is an engineer, industrial designer and technology entrepreneur. He founded SpaceX, SolarCity and Tesla Motors.

Elon was born in South Africa. He learned self-coding when he was young and started designing games at the age of 12. He sold his games for \$500. He moved to America for his education and started studying business and physics at university.

Firstly, he created PayPal, an online financial payment service. He opened up to the world with the SpaceX space company he founded in 2002. It became the first company to send vehicles to the space station. He is co-founder and CEO of Tesla Motors. He also founded America's largest solar energy provider called SolarCity.

Elon identified three subjects to improve himself: providing clean air, developing the Internet and finding life in space. He's trying to make inventions to change the world right now. All cars that he produced are electric. His ultimate aim is to set up human colonies on Mars.

He grew up in a poor neighborhood. He didn't come from a wealthy family. So, he started earning his own money at a very young age. He could achieve the goals he set and got where he wanted.

Sudenur Vatansever M3-13

Success

The definition of success is different for everyone. I think the most important thing is that the concept of success changes from one person to another. For me, success is what makes me feel proud and happy at the end. Everything that makes you happy when it's done is a success. In my opinion, if we want to achieve our goals and be successful, we need to do the following things.



Firstly, we have to dedicate our time to achieve success. While we strive to achieve our goals and become successful, difficulties arise and we need time to solve them. For example, imagine that you are working on an experiment and when you encounter an unexpected result, you will have to make new experiments and you will need more time to do this. So, it's very important that you give yourself some time to solve the problems.

Secondly, we need to try again and again. We shouldn't give up. If we give up because of our failures, we won't be able to succeed. If we continue our journey by learning from every mistake we made, we can reach our goals ultimately. As Winston Churchill said 'Success is never final. Failure is never fatal. Courage is what counts.' So, the best way to succeed is trying again and again.

Finally, we need to sacrifice everything in our lives. We have to spend most of our time thinking and using our brains and sometimes even giving up on our priorities, as sacrifice brings success. Many weeks or months of working hard can lead to difficulties in personal lives. However, our sacrifices are highly rewarded. When we achieve success, it leaves a positive impact on our whole lives.

As a result, there are some things that need to be done to achieve success. These are sparing time, not giving up and making sacrifices. If you do these, success will be inevitable in your life.

Yağmur Yükselen M4-8

Can a Business Earn Money While Making a Difference?



It may seem that your obligation to do good is directly proportional to your earnings, but it is not. It is possible both to be successful in a business and do good. Doing good is something that a

company can do while making money; this does not mean it reduces its earnings. In addition to knowing that it is possible to achieve business success while making a difference, you should also know that goodness does not depend on such criteria.

First of all, we need to know that doing good is not about earning. Companies that make huge profits do not have to do bigger favors and companies that earn little money do not have to console themselves with little deeds. Kindness is personal, and you can do it regardless of gain or success.

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Secondly, we have the power to help as much as money lets us. Although it does not depend on money, it has an effect. A donation you make when you have more money is more than you can make when your capital is low. Goodness can only be affected financially.

Another important thing is that these two factors go hand in hand and do not seek profit. It would be pointless if you are doing good to earn more money or to build a better profile for your company. It should not be necessary to provide money for this reason. If you are doing good just because you have the money to advertise or make profit, that goodness does not count or make sense.

In short, money is, of course, effective here as it is in every field. However, having a successful business and making a difference are not two fundamental items that cannot be separated from each other. You can do good without having a brilliant and successful business. Money can only be one factor to make a difference to other peoples' lives.

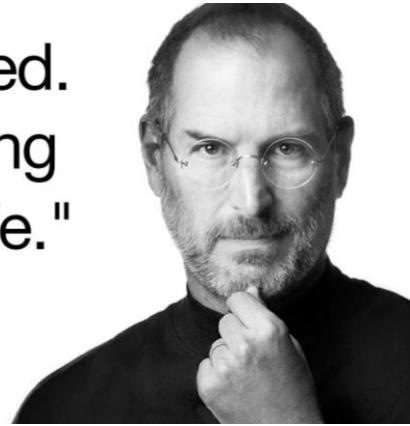
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Steve Jobs: The Founder of Apple

Steven Paul Jobs was one of the founding partners of Apple Computer, Inc. He was CEO of Apple Inc, with his new name, until 5 weeks before his death. He is considered to be one of the leaders of the computer industry. He also founded Next Computer and Pixar Animation Studios and served as the chairman of the board.

"Your time is limited.
Don't waste it living
someone else's life."

- Steve Jobs



He was born in 1955 to American Joanne Carole Schieble and to Abdulfattah John Jandali, a professor of political science of Syrian origin. He was adopted by the couple Paul Jobs and Clara Jobs-Hakobian from Mountain View, California.

Steve Jobs' life changed in 1976 when he was 21. To found Apple, he sold his only property, his Volkswagen van, for \$ 750. He set up Apple in his home garage and built his first computer there. When Apple became a billion-dollar company, Jobs was kicked out of the company he founded. The computers produced by the company named NEXT, which he founded after his firing, lead to the emergence of the Internet. Ten years after he was fired from Apple, he returned again and enabled Apple to become what it is today.

He was born in a Syrian immigrant family and raised by adopted parents. He received no help from any bank, but he achieved many important successes. He was fired from his own company and other jobs many times. He contributed a lot to making the Internet what it is today. His biggest secret was that he never gave up.

Steve Jobs' life teaches us that we shouldn't give up and we don't have to have a lot of money to change the world. In fact, we need to do something by believing in ourselves. Steve Jobs summed up the secret of his success by telling us, those who change the world are people crazy enough to think they can only do that. "Hopefully, we can make an impact in the world we live."

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First Impressions



The most important feature of man is being able to communicate. You will inevitably find yourself starting a conversation with someone at a bus stop, in a park, or at a cafe. While talking do you wonder what that person's first impression is about you? Is it good or bad? So, if we come to think about it how can we make a good first impression?

When you talk to a stranger, it takes seconds for another person to form an impression of you. In a short time, he can actually obtain a lot of information about you. He can do this by just observing you.

First of all, body language is very important. When talking to someone or giving a presentation, your body language tells a lot about you. For example, not being able to make eye contact, making too many gestures, indicates that you lack self-esteem. So, the person who you are talking to may think you lack self- confidence. As a result, a first negative impression is formed.

So, what should we do to make a good first impression? You need to look confident, make eye contact, smile, and even make a humorous comment. If you have done these, you can really affect the other person in a positive way.

But not all people are the same. People behave differently when they meet somebody for the first time. So, we can make either a good or bad first impression. No matter what, I think someone who makes a bad impression deserves a second chance.

Yusuf Gündoğdu M4-8

Why Lie?

Why do we need to lie? People lie in many different situations. But is this a necessity or do we choose to lie because it's the easiest way? I think lying has a big part in our society and sometimes it's really just an easy escape. Still, we have to think carefully because it can also hurt you.

Firstly, lying for someone's well-being. I think we lie here so as not to make someone feel bad or to be polite. For example, when someone asks you how they look, we generally try to use nice words to tell them. It can count as a lie maybe, but it is also a way of kindness. Or when someone is feeling hurt, we can say something to make them feel better or we can even lie. It's also

a situation where we use lies to help people deal with their problems. I think it's necessary in these situations.

The next situation is lying to escape problems. Many people use this at every age. For instance, a kid can lie about a broken vase to his/her parents. Or adults can lie when their boss asks them why they are late for work. In every dangerous situation our brain wants to find the easiest way. If we sense that we can be in trouble if we say the truth, our brain comes up with a lie to avoid trouble.

The last situation is using lies for one's own benefit. People lie to make people see them as a better person, which doesn't make sense to me. They lie to look smarter, nicer, wealthier, etc. I

think it's not healthy because when you lie about your personality it sticks with you and you try to be that person you create with your lies all the time. Job interviews are an example for that. Some people lie in their resume to look like the ideal candidate for the job. However, this can cause problems in the future.

All in all, people prefer lying over telling the truth in various situations. It's sometimes the best solution, but it can lead to big problems. We need to be wise. Lying is not always the only escape, and it can also hurt you.

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Thomas Edison

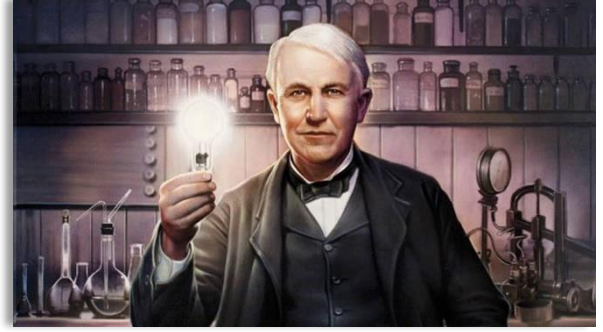
Thomas Edison is one of the most innovative and unforgettable people in science. Although he is best known as the inventor of the light bulb, he invented lots of things. He got 1093 patents in his 84 years of life.

Edison was born in the USA in 1847. He started primary school but three months later he was expelled from school because of mental disabilities. He was educated by his mother and private teachers. He worked as a telegraph operator in New York for a while. After that, he set up a company called Edison Universal Stock Printer with his friend. They made lots of money, so he bought equipment for his experiments.

His life changed in 1879, when he decided to invent the light bulb. He did over three hundred experiments. In other words, he didn't give up, worked hard, made lots of sacrifices and eventually invented the light bulb.

The invention did not only change his life, but it also changed the lives of other people. Many people started using light bulbs instead of kerosene lamps because light bulbs were less expensive and cleaner than kerosene lamps. He made lots of profit and he used his money to invent more and more useful things.

His story teaches us that we might encounter lots of obstacles, but we shouldn't give up. If we are determined, patient and work hard, we can achieve our aims and be successful.



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Yahya Kemal Beyatlı

One of my favorite authors is Yahya Kemal Beyatlı (1884-1958). I used to like reading his books when I was a high school student, so I participated in a school trip two years ago and went to a museum about his life and works. Yahya Kemal Beyatlı Museum is in Fatih, İstanbul and the entrance is free.

It was good to see his clothes, books, private notebooks, and other belongings. With a well-informed and cheerful guide, the atmosphere was pleasant and soothing. The design of the museum was great, and it allowed us to observe everything closely. Also, the museum had a nice garden. Reading one of his books was one of the reasons I went there.



Although the trip was good, I wasn't able to look at everything closely because I was with my friends and my teacher. The problem was not about it being crowded; it was about not having enough time. I would like to visit the museum at least once again with my best friend.

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