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TEACHERS WIN AWARDS FOR THEIR BEST LESSONS

SUCCESS TOMORROW STARTS TODAY

The news is in on the winners of our Advantage Competition! Teachers shared with us the best lessons they had ever given in their professional lives; and bringing a little fun into the classroom seems to have been the most popular teaching method for both students and teachers alike. Read on to hear about our Advantage Programme for schools entering their students into the Cambridge ESOL Examination with the British Council, and check the award-winning stories.

Imitating animals and getting 12-year-olds to impersonate John Lennon proved to be quite literally rewarding for some of our English Language teachers. For our **Advantage** Competition we asked teachers of the English Language to send us a description of the best lessons they had given in their professional lives. To qualify to take part the entrants had to be teaching in a school anywhere in Turkey that had entered its students into the Cambridge ESOL Examinations through the British Council last year.

The winners are in, and you can read all five prize-winning entries by clicking on the link at the bottom of this article. There you will be able to experience a taste of some of the most remarkable methods being used to teach English in Turkey these days, featuring monsters, movies that had to be cut short, and Yoko Ono!

British Council Turkey has been delivering Cambridge ESOL Examinations throughout Turkey for many years, working with schools that value English language teaching and examinations, and supporting their targets with our strong quality of service and brand. Aware of the importance of maintaining an ongoing interaction with schools throughout the year, we help them to reach their goals by working together with them.



With this in mind, we established the **Advantage** Programme for schools entering their students into the Cambridge ESOL Examination with the British Council. The reward-based programme offers

numerous advantages to schools based on the number of candidates taking exams with us. Rewards are applied throughout the year and help us to maintain an interaction with the schools, even outside the examination periods.

Monsters, animals and a 'sandwich shop'

The British Council announced the **Advantage** Competition for teachers in our partner schools, in which the entrants were asked to write a description of the best lessons they ever had ever given in their professional lives, earning the chance to win one of our prizes.

Linette Erocak from Antalya Koleji wrote how introducing monsters to the classroom can be a great way of entertaining, not to mention educating, young learners. The best lesson for Zahra Demirci from Bursa Bahçesehir Primary School proved to be one with unexpected hurdles. She wrote about the praise she had received when she had to cut a 40-minute movie she had recorded in half, but was still able to generate interest from her sixth graders.

Nilüfer Bolat from Gaziantep Kolej Vakfı Primary School convinced her class to imitate animals, resulting in one of the most popular of her lessons in which even the shyest of her students were keen to take part and 'become an animal'. Melike Taskin from Özel Ülkem Private School wrote how splitting a second-grade class up into pairs, making them write dialogues, and a 'sandwich shop' resulted in her best lesson. Possibly the most bizarre story of all came from Merve Ofiaz from İstek Acibadem Primary School, who related how getting 12-year-olds to impersonate John Lennon, Yoko Ono and Lennon's murderer had resulted in her most popular lesson.

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