

# İNGİLİZCE Sınıf-11



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## KONU BACK TO THE PAST

### Reading Time:

#### A lifelong Lesson

One day a wealthy man asked a scholar to help his son to break a bad habit. The scholar accepted this request and visited the little boy in their house. He took the boy for a walk in the garden. While they were walking, they came across a small plant. The scholar wanted the boy to pull it out. The little boy took it out with his thumb and forefinger without showing an effort. After walking for a while the scholar told him to pull out a slightly bigger and stronger plant. This time it was a bit more difficult for him so it took hard to pull but he tried a little more and the plant came out with its root. The next target of the scholar was a bush which was in front of them. 'Now pull this out' ordered the scholar to the little boy. It was the time the boy had to show more effort to pull the whole pile out. In the end the bush came out. While they were walking near a guava tree, the scholar wanted the boy to take this tree out. The boy obeyed again, grasped the trunk of the tree and tried to use all his strength to pull the tree out. However, it didn't work; he couldn't even move the leaves or branches. Out of breath he said 'It's impossible'. 'This is the same for bad habits' said the scholar. 'It is easy to pull them out when they are younger; as they grow it is impossible to remove them'. This talk changed the young boy's life forever.

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#### HIGH SCHOOL REGRETS

If you are in high school, it is not always

easy to make the best decisions because the period of learning about yourself is still in progress. However, if you receive some advice from the people who have already experienced similar difficulties, you can learn how to avoid them. Why do we all have similar regrets? Because people who are in the same period of a life journey tend to make similar mistakes. If you don't want to regret your high school years, these tips will help you.

#### 1 I WISH I HAD STUDIED HARDER!

We all have lazy moments but after graduating from high school, we realise that we should have studied hard during high school. You will get used to hearing the same sentences from the elder ones: "If I had studied regularly for the university entrance exams, I would have got into my dream university!" So, do your best when you are able to do!

#### 2 I WISH I HADN'T DELAYED MY WORKS!

Unfortunately, it is one of the most common habits among the high school students. Nearly all students have to deal with it. Do you remember how many times you left your homework to the last minute? Or, haven't you delayed studying for the exams until the last minute? Don't forget that being punctual and programmed is a must for the students.

#### 3 I WISH I HAD MADE MORE FRIENDS!

Also, making friends with only a few people and insisting on staying in the same social circle can be a typical high school

regret. If you form connections with the people who are outside of your friend circle, you can realise that there are many interesting people around you.

#### What are the other common high school regrets can you talk about?

##### Idioms of the Week:

► **Turn a deaf ear:** to ignore or refuse to listen.

Frankie turns a deaf ear to her parents' requests and does whatever he wants.

► **Take it to heart:** to think that somebody really means something.

Whenever Mr. Wilson makes jokes, his students take it to heart.

► **Back someone up:** to support somebody.

My best friend Dora is supportive; she backs me up whenever I need help.

## SORULAR:

1.) Cümleye anlamca en yakın seçeneği bulunuz.

**I wish I had taken more food with me. I'm hungry now.**

A) I had taken too much food with me, but I'm hungry now.

B) If only I had taken more food with me, then I wouldn't be hungry now.

C) I wish I weren't hungry now. I would take more food with me.

D) Being hungry is the only reason for taking more food with me.

E) I wish I were hungry now. I would take less food with me.

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