

Case Study: Language Leader and NorthStar & MyEnglishLab

KEY TAKEAWAY

MyEnglishLab gives students the ability to practice autonomous learning—one of the goals at Yildirim Beyazit University.

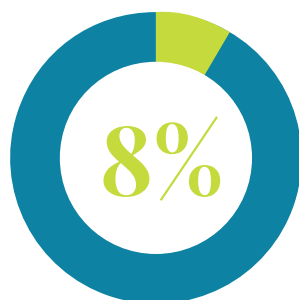


Implementation

The English department at Yildirim Beyazit University is a relatively young but flourishing department that serves about 1250 students between a CEFR A1 and CEFR B2 levels. Students are studying general English and most are hardworking, but they often lack the experience to know how to study by themselves. Prior to integrating MyEnglishLab Müge used print materials that served a purpose, but lacked interactivity and engagement. For the most part students were not motivated to practice outside of class.

The goal became to teach our students to study on their own and instructors also wanted to emphasize the importance of integrating English culture into the learning. MyEnglishLab became the solution of choice. Not all students embraced the idea of online learning immediately. There was some skepticism about ‘buying’ MyEnglishLab, an online product. Now, students understand the value and appreciate the benefits of MyEnglishLab.

- ▶ Students can share in the responsibility of developing their own learning.
- ▶ The MyEnglishLab videos and listening activities expose students to authentic materials and real-life situations.
- ▶ Students can practice anytime, anywhere using MyEnglishLab.



MyEnglishLab work counts towards 8% of the students’ final course grades

Benefits / Results

MyEnglishLab can be used effectively both in class and outside. The English department attributes 8% of students' passing grades to work completed in MyEnglishLab.

While we do not have statistical evidence to illustrate overall results with MyEnglishLab the English department does know the following: Almost all students who failed the first period and had to repeat the series did not use MyEnglishLab.

Conclusion

Instructor Müge Akgedik Can sums it up as follows:

- ▶ MyEnglishLab teaches students to study on their own.
- ▶ MyEnglishLab provides students with necessary cultural background and authentic materials.
- ▶ MyEnglishLab provides access to practice English anytime and anywhere.

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MyEnglishLab offers structured online English practice for students, with instant marking and reporting for teachers. MyEnglishLab is proven to improve student results, and helps make teachers' lives easier.

