Should Homework Be Banned?

Seviye B1–B2 · Konuşma · Okuma

Warm-up

- How much homework do you get every week?
- What is the most useful homework you have ever had?

Reading

For: Students already spend six or seven hours at school. After school, they need time to rest, do sports, spend time with family and follow their hobbies. Too much homework can cause stress and leave less time for sleep.

Against: Homework helps students practise what they learned and become more independent. It also shows parents what their children are studying. Without homework, some students might forget new information quickly.

A middle way? Some schools give less homework but make it more creative, for example short projects or reading for pleasure.

Vocabulary

English	Türkçe	Example
ban	yasaklamak	*Smoking is banned in schools.*
independent	bağımsız	*She is an independent learner.*
stress	stres	*Exams can cause stress.*
argument	argüman, gerekçe	*That's a strong argument.*
on the other hand	öte yandan	*It's cheap. On the other hand, it's slow.*

Language focus

Kalıp	Örnek
Fikir bildirme	In my opinion, ... / I strongly believe that ... / From my point of view, ...
Katılmama	I see your point, but ... / I'm not sure I agree because ...
Bağlaçlar	Firstly, ... Moreover, ... However, ... To sum up, ...

Discussion

1. Is homework useful for learning a language?
2. What kind of homework would you like to get?
3. Should homework be optional?

Tasks

Choose the correct answer. *(Doğru seçeneği işaretleyin.)*

1. Which argument is AGAINST banning homework?

a) It causes stress

b) Students need time for hobbies

c) It helps students practise what they learned

d) Students already spend many hours at school

Match the items. *(Eşleştirin.)*

2. Match the phrases with their functions.

1. In my opinion, … ( )
2. I see your point, but … ( )
3. Moreover, … ( )
4. To sum up, … ( )

a) concluding

b) adding a point

c) disagreeing politely

d) giving an opinion

Put the parts in the correct order. *(Doğru sıraya koyun.)*

3. Put the paragraph in a logical order.

In my opinion, homework should not be banned. / Firstly, it helps us remember new words. / However, teachers should give less of it. / To sum up, short and creative homework is the best.

Write your answers. *(Cevaplarınızı yazın.)*

4. Write a short paragraph (60–80 words) giving your opinion. Use at least three linking words.

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> Speaking tasks. *(Konuşma görevleri: sınıfta sözlü yapın.)*

5. Mini-debate: Give your opinion in one minute and respond to one argument from the other side.