

WESTERN EDUCATION IN EASTERN TURKEY

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Abstract. *Education is the most important tool for shaping the new generations. As for Turkey, a country with a very strong culture and national spirit and whose language is very different than European languages, teaching new foreign languages is a challenge. But for a strong Turkey the usage of internationally used languages, particularly English, is a must. Therefore the children should be exposed to English language from early ages. This is being applied growingly in the Turkish education system from kindergarten level. This study aims to show how this is possible by applying the method of Helen Doron not only for school level – which is most common- but even from much earlier age, starting from 3 months, and continuing intensively through preschool. Helen Doron kindergartens are the institutions that successfully blend together the national education requirements and the need of learning English language in the most pleasant way for both the children and for the teachers.*

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