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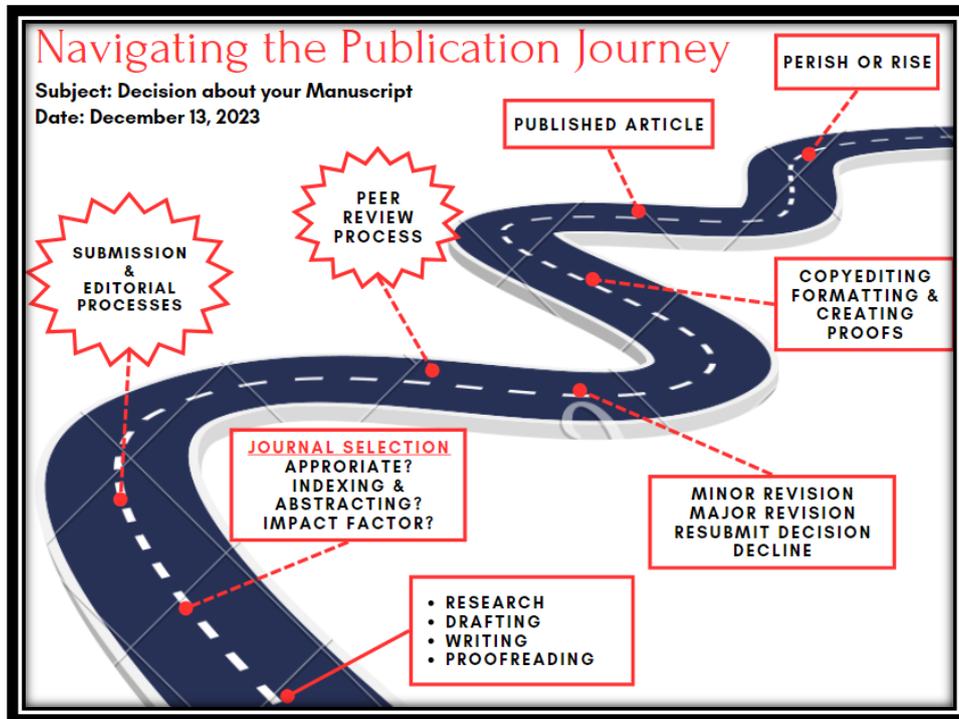


Figure by Dr. Erdem Akbaş: Navigating the Publication Journey.

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### **The developmental trajectory of contrast markers in children's writing across four grade levels**

The use of contrast markers (CMs), one important type of connective creating semantic links both within and beyond the sentence (Robertson, 1968), is an explicit way of text cohesion (Halliday & Hasan, 1976) which develops gradually in childhood as logical reasoning advances (Piaget, 1928). This paper investigates the developmental trajectory of CMs in English across four grade levels to understand a particular aspect of language acquisition, that is 'expressing various types of contrast'. We aim to reveal how frequently and diversely CMs are employed by children and report the differences between the overall use and that of the most frequent CMs across grade levels and types of texts. Through a frequency-based quantitative approach and contextual analyses, a set of 65 CMs constructed drawing on several existing taxonomies were searched in the Growth in Grammar (GiG) Corpus (Durrant & Brenchley, 2018), a corpus of school writing produced by children at schools in England from Year 2 to Year 11. The results show that the variety and the number of CMs increase across grade levels signalling a significant change as they get older. We also found that the frequencies of CMs differed significantly both across grade levels and genres of writing (literary vs. non-literary texts) in the corpus. In addition, it is noteworthy to evidence that the frequency of overall use of CMs significantly varied between Y2-Y6; Y6-Y9 and Y6-Y11, suggesting that Y6 (ages 10-11) stands in the middle of the V-shaped developmental curve. The findings also indicated that there are significant differences in the most frequent CMs (i.e., *but*, *yet*, and *although*) for each grade level.

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### **Understanding the role of personality in explaining L2 learners' DMC disposition**

Recent years have seen a growing research interest in the notion of directed motivational currents (DMCs) that defines highly intense motivational surges oriented to a much-desired goal of personal significance. However, the learner characteristics that induce individual-level variability in DMCs have yet to be explored. In particular, the role of personality in explaining variations in the DMC disposition remains empirically unresolved. The current study addresses this gap by looking at whether the five-factor model (FFM) personality traits help explain variations in the DMC disposition among 172 Turkish undergraduate students majoring in teaching English as a foreign language (EFL) at a state university in Turkey. Data were gathered using the 50-item version of International Personality Item Pool (IPIP) and the 12-item DMC Disposition Scale. Multiple linear regression analysis showed that personality traits significantly predicted variability in the DMC disposition, together accounting for 42% of the variance. Conscientiousness and extraversion appeared as the strongest predictors. The findings in general bring preliminary insights into the learner characteristics that underlie individual-level variability in DMCs, as well as having implications in particular for facilitating individual-level DMC practices in the context of second/foreign language (L2) learning.

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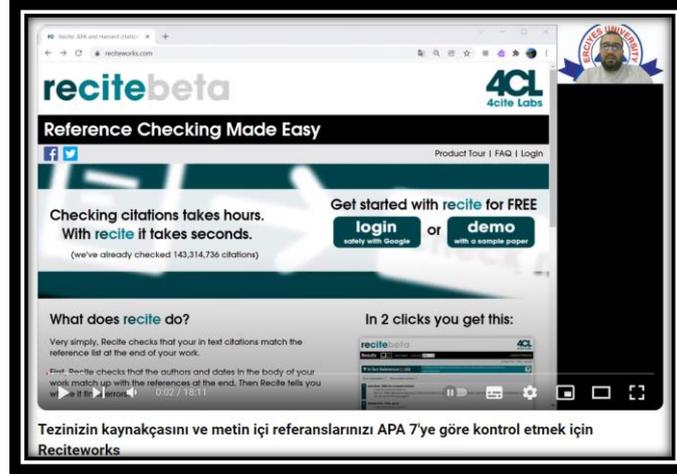
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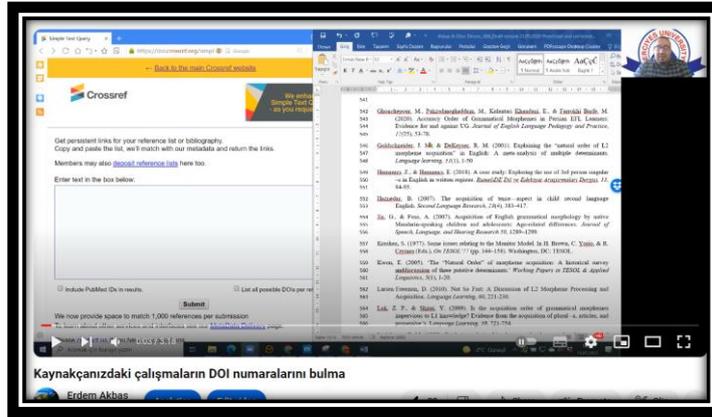
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