

11. BÖLÜM

DİL GELİŞİMİ VE SOSYAL MEDYA ETKİSİ

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“Çocuk dünyayı sadece gözleriyle değil, konuşmasıyla da algılamaya başlar. Sosyal etkileşim, öğrenmenin kaynağı ve motorudur.”

-Lev Vygotsky, *Mind in Society*

Giriş

Sosyal medya, günümüzde elektronik araçların yaygınlaşması ve bu araçlarla sosyal medya içeriklerine erişimin kolaylaşmasıyla neredeyse her yaş grubundan bireylerin sıkılıkla maruz kalıp kullandığı bir kanal haline gelmiştir. Hâl böyle iken sosyal medya ve içeriklerinin hayatın her alanına etkisi, özellikle son yıllarda sürdürülen çalışmaların odak noktalarından biri olmuştur. Farklı araçlar aracılığıyla (telefon, bilgisayar, televizyon vb.) erişilen sosyal medyadaki içeriklerin türleri göz önünde bulundurulduğunda şüphesiz ki YouTube gibi sosyal platformlar öne çıkmaktadır. Bu ve benzeri içeriklerin bireyler üzerindeki etkisi oldukça fazla çalışılmış olsa da spesifik olarak sosyal medyanın dil gelişimi üzerindeki etkisi bağlamında tartışmalar bulunmaktadır. Örneğin, sosyal medyanın bireylerin vücut algısı üzerindeki negatif etkisi çalışmalarca gösterilmiştir (Bell veve Ditmar, 2011; Grabe vd., 2008; Groesz vd., 2002;). Öte yandan, gelişim psikolojisi, eğitim, pediatri odaklı çalışmalarda sosyal medyanın etkisi konusun-

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