

# PERSPECTIVE, VOICE, AND OBJECTIVITY

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## INTRODUCTION

### 1. Function

Institutional objectivity is achieved by reframing perspective, not by eliminating evaluation. This reframing relies on the combined use of voice (passive and impersonal predicates) and nominalization, which shifts judgment away from the speaker and anchors it in evidence-based structure.

The result is analytical distance: statements read as findings and assessments rather than personal opinions.

### 2. Forms

**Objectivity is constructed through the interaction of:**

- Passive voice (-I / -n)
- Impersonal predicates
- (belirlenmiştir, değerlendirilmiştir, uygun görülmektedir, öngörülmektedir)
- Nominalized blocks
- [...-mA] / [...-DIK] / [...-mAsl]

**Canonical institutional patterns:**

- [[nominal block]] + impersonal verdict
- [[nominal block]] + modalized passive

These patterns redirect attention from who asserts to what is assessed.

### 3. Morphology

#### Passive Voice as Perspective Control

Passive morphology removes the actor while preserving evaluation.

##### Active (agent present):

Planı uygun bulmuyoruz.

##### Passive (agent absent):

Plan uygun bulunmamaktadır.

The assessment remains; the assessor disappears.

#### Nominalization as Evidence Packaging

Nominalization stabilizes actions as analyzable objects.

##### Active judgment:

Plan kötü uygulanıyor.

##### Nominalized evaluation:

[[Planın uygulanması]] yetersiz olarak değerlendirilmiştir.

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The claim is now attached to a fact, not to a person.

## Professional Pairings (Synergy Sets)

Institutional usage favors stable couplings between nominal blocks and impersonal predicates:

- gereklilik → vurgulanmıştır / belirtilmiştir
- riskler → not edilmiş / tespit edilmiş
- bulgular → değerlendirilmiştir / ortaya konmuştur
- uygulama süreci → izlenmektedir / gözlemlenmektedir
- etkiler → analiz edilmiş / değerlendirilmiştir

These pairings standardize tone and expectation across documents.

## 4. Structural Guide

The Disappearance of the Agent (Refined Visualization)

### Subjective stance:

Biz planın iyi işlemeyi düşünüyoruz.

### Objective block:

[[Planın uygulanması]] yetersiz olarak değerlendirilmiştir.

The evaluator disappears; the evaluation remains.

Objectivity is embedded in structure, not added by wording.

### Anchoring Objectivity with Nominal Blocks

[[Mevcut koşullar]] dikkate alındığında, [[planın uygulanması]] sınırlı bulunmuştur.

No speaker. No opinion verb. Only structured assessment.

### Commitment Scale (Hierarchy of Certainty)

Voice selection calibrates institutional commitment along a clear gradient:

#### High certainty — Closed position

- belirlenmiştir / uygun bulunmamıştır
- [[Uygulama yöntemi]] uygun bulunmamıştır.

#### Evidence-based — Observational

- gözlemlenmektedir / tespit edilmiş
- [[Uygulama süreci]] boyunca aksaklılar gözlemlenmektedir.

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## Provisional — Forward-looking

- öngörülmektedir
- [[Sürecin yeniden yapılandırılması]] gerekli olabileceği öngörülmektedir.

The content may remain constant; voice modulates responsibility and certainty.

## 5. Usage

This perspective strategy is used to:

- present evaluations without attribution
- protect institutional neutrality
- allow recalibration without contradiction
- communicate complex or adverse outcomes diplomatically

## It is standard in:

- policy and strategy documents
- audit and assessment reports
- institutional communications
- formal recommendations

Objectivity is a syntactic outcome, not a stylistic preference.

## Examples

### A) Evaluation without speaker

[[Planın uygulanması]] yetersiz olarak değerlendirilmiştir.

— The implementation of the plan has been evaluated as inadequate.

### B) Evidence-based framing

[[Elde edilen bulgular]] doğrultusunda, [[mevcut yaklaşımın sürdürülmesi]] uygun görülmemektedir.

— In light of the findings obtained, maintaining the current approach is deemed inappropriate.

### C) Hedged institutional distance

[[Sürecin yeniden yapılandırılması]] gerekli olabileceği öngörülmektedir.

— It is anticipated that restructuring the process may be necessary.

### D) Complete agency suppression

[[İlgili prosedür]] kapsamında, [[uygulamanın askıya alınması]] kararlaştırılmıştır.

— Within the scope of the relevant procedure, the suspension of the implementation has been decided.

### E) Concession with objectivity

[[Mevcut ilerlemeye]] rağmen, [[hedeflerin karşılanması]] yeterli bulunmamaktadır.

— Despite the current progress, the attainment of the targets is not considered sufficient.

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## Notes

- Perspective is governed by structure, not stance markers.
- Passive and impersonal predicates displace the speaker and foreground evaluation.
- Nominal blocks anchor claims as objects of analysis.
- Predicate choice establishes a commitment gradient, enabling diplomatic precision.
- Concessive framing allows unfavorable assessments without personalization.