

DESCRIPTIVE DISTANCE AND SIMULATED PERSPECTIVE

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INTRODUCTION

1. Function

This lesson centers on Snapshot Logic.

The structure **-mAktA idi** captures an ongoing process as a fixed system state at a specific moment in the past. Instead of narrating events, it freezes conditions so they can be inspected, audited, or referenced without emotional or narrative drift.

This is the language of:

- internal audits
- investigative reporting
- post-incident analysis

The goal is not to tell what happened, but to record what the system looked like at a defined point in time.

This structure is a strategic necessity for neutral, defensible reporting.

2. Forms

Simulated Observational Frame

- **-mAktA idi**

This form does not follow action.

It displays status.

Think of it as a dashboard view:

- **-mAktA idi** shows the system at 09:00 AM
- **-lyor-du** is a video camera following someone through the system

One records conditions.

The other records experience.

3. Morphology

The value of **-mAktA idi** is not grammatical. It is operational.

Snapshot Logic

- The action is not "happening."
- The action is visible as a state.

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Using -mAktA idi signals:

- "This is what the system looked like."
- "This is not a personal account."
- "This can be archived and reviewed."

That is why -mAktA idi feels calm, slow, and authoritative. It removes urgency and replaces it with situational control.

4. Structural Guide

Perspective Architecture

[Ongoing Institutional Process (-mAktA)] + [Past Observational Frame (idi)] → [Descriptive Neutrality]

Strategic Outcome:

This architecture allows institutions to document unfolding conditions without implying causality, responsibility, or intent.

Narrative Trap (Direct Contrast)

• The Amateur:

Piyasa düşünüordu.

Subjective. Story-driven. Emotionally engaged.

• The Executive:

Piyasa düşmekte idi.

Objective. Audit-ready. Analytically detached.

The second form protects the author from appearing emotionally invested in market movement. It presents decline as observed condition, not personal alarm.

5. Usage

-mAktA idi pairs naturally with verbs that describe system behavior without ownership:

• **seyretmekte idi** — observed movement

Institutional intent: detached monitoring

• **olgunlaşmaka idi** — maturing process

Institutional intent: internal development without judgment

• **tırmanmaka idi** — escalating condition

Institutional intent: risk visibility without alarmism

• **derinleşmeye idi** — increasing complexity

Institutional intent: analytical caution

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These verbs allow institutions to record pressure without performing reaction.

Examples

A) Core Analytical Example

İlgili dönemde enflasyonist baskılar artmaka idi ve maliyet kanalı üzerinden fiyatlama davranışları şekillenmekte idi.

— During the relevant period, inflationary pressures were increasing, and pricing behavior was taking shape through the cost channel.

This sentence records conditions, not emotions.

B) Executive Masterpiece

İç talep görece istikrarlı seyrederken, dış finansman koşulları belirgin biçimde sıkışmakta idi ve bu durum, kurumsal bilançolar üzerinde ek baskı oluşturmaktaydı.

— While internal demand was remaining relatively stable, external financing conditions were tightening significantly, exerting additional pressure on corporate balance sheets.

Internal stability and external pressure are presented side by side, without assigning blame.

C) Crisis / Diplomatic Example

Sınır hattında güvenlik önlemleri artırılmakta idi ve taraflar arasında diyalog zemini korunmakta idi.

— Security measures were being increased along the border, and a basis for dialogue between the parties was being maintained.

This structure allows sensitive developments to be described without escalation or attribution.

D) Surgical Deconstruction

• Process Marker

artırılmakta idi / korunmakta idi

→ System behavior recorded, not dramatized.

• Observational Anchor

idi

→ Fixes the analyst's viewpoint in time.

• Lexical Choice

Neutral verbs prevent interpretive drift.

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• Narrative Distance

No urgency, no outcome, no emotional signal.

Each word protects institutional neutrality.

Notes

• -Iyor-du

Narrative. Personal. Experience-based.

Invites the reader into the moment.

• -mAktA idi

Documentarian. Procedural. Analytical.

Fixes the moment for inspection.

Technical Suffix Fusion (Precision Note)

- In maximum formal distancing, the detached form **-mAktA idi** is preferred, as it visually and cognitively separates process from observation.
- In fluid professional writing, the suffixed form is standard and stylistically natural:

-mAktAydı

-mEkteydi

- When **-mAktA** / **-mEktE** combines with **idi**, the mandatory buffer consonant "y" (y yardımcı harfi) appears.
- Vowel harmony is non-negotiable in this fusion:

-mAktA + idi → -mAktAydı

(Back vowels: a, ı, o, u)

-mEktE + idi → -mEkteydi

(Front vowels: e, i, ö, ü)

This fusion maintains analytical distance without sacrificing syntactic flow, allowing the structure to function seamlessly in high-level reports and archival documents.

Pro-Tip (Executive Authority)

When **-mAktA** (controlled exclusion) and **-mAktA idi** / **-mAktAydı** (descriptive fixation) appear together in a report, the signal is unmistakable:

The author controls both absence and observation at a professional level.

In expert discourse, **-mAktA idi** functions not as a tense, but as a lens that stabilizes a moving reality for analysis.