



Reconnecting Extensive Reading and Academic Writing in the Moroccan EFL Classroom

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GRIN Publishing Jun 2016, 2016. Taschenbuch. Condition: Neu. Neuware - Scientific Essay from the year 2016 in the subject Pedagogy - Miscellaneous Topics, , course: English, language: English, abstract: This dissertation arises from an attempt to answer questions about whether Moroccan first and second year university students of English as a foreign language (EFL) need extensive reading in order to produce academic texts. Having used two different questionnaires, along with an extensive reading experiment at Mohammed V University, I have been able to analyze and discuss both ethnographic and numerical data obtained from the aforementioned research instruments. The participants in my research were Moroccan university students and professors. Results indicate a myriad of shortcomings in the teaching of reading and writing in Moroccan higher education. Classroom activities demonstrate a lack of students' engagement and interaction, especially in the reading session. Results also show students' willingness and keenness to commence reading extensively because they feel empowered, confident, and fluent over time. Extensive reading (a receptive skill) and academic writing (a productive skill) are both interactive, constructive, and complementary. In extensive reading, students learn to increase their reading speed and comprehension while simultaneously expanding their lexicon, whereas in academic writing they learn...



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