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Abstract

Several studies investigated how the reading abilities are related to other skills. The importance of a reading ability is intrinsically linked to professional success, as it opens up the mind to new experiences and provides new avenues of knowledge. Research has shown that reading can make you a better writer and speaker. To put it differently, reading strengthens your writing ability in general and your academic writing in particular. That is, it inspires writers to stay positive and express their thoughts freely. It helps language users in developing a knack for understanding the perspective of different authors that helps in writing about things by themselves. The aim of the study is to provide how teachers and students view the importance of reading abilities in enhancing the academic writing in the Algerian university. The ultimate aim of this study is to shed light on the impact of incorporating reading in efforts to improve the academic writing skills of EFL students in the Algerian university in order to foster students' involvement and learning potential. In order to achieve the aims of the study, both university teachers and students were involved. They responded to a questionnaire and interview as reflective tools to measure their attitudes towards the use of reading, as well as to gain insights into the students and the teachers' views on the relationship between reading and academic writing skills.

Key words : reading, reading abilities, academic writing.