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<b>Title of the paper</b>	The Competition for the Status of First Foreign Language in Algerian Elementary Schools: The French-English Debate
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>Language debate in Algeria was the main concern of official discourses and the competition for the status of first foreign language in the Algerian society has grown steadily due to the dominance of political and social globalization. This study discusses the position of English language at elementary schools and whether English, as a first foreign language, will succeed to occupy the same position as French language. This paper offers an analysis of the main factors that influence English's preeminence over French. Additionally, statistical analysis of elementary schools teachers' questionnaire allows drawing conclusions about the readiness of the Algerian school to implement English in elementary school. The results of the study show that the integration of English language is not restricted solely to education sector; rather, it is a process of change that has political and economic dimensions. However, the linguistic transition from French language to English language remains challenging due to the strategic position of French language within society due to intergenerational transfer.</p>
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