The Power of Foreign Languages in Moroccan Classes: English as an Example

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Abstract

Undoubtedly, language plays a vital role not only in one society, but in all societies as well. It can be even said that language represents an important part of people's everyday life. The reason behind this truth is that it is closely connected to everything that is humanmade, and its value equals that of water and breath. In the field of education, for instance, language has proven to be an integral tool of communication that without it, learning cannot easily take place. In Morocco, it can be safely claimed that teaching English has been given a very significant importance at schools. English is taught alongside the other languages, especially Arabic, which is the mother tongue of Moroccans. More specifically, English is sometimes favored to French, which is the second language in Morocco for a variety of reasons. The present paper will attempt, on the one hand, to shed some light on the language situation in Morocco and, on the hand, to investigate the main reasons behind the power of English at schools.

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