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Reading to confirm expectations: A neglected technique in L2 reading

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In real-life contexts, when we read anything, be it a newspaper article or a supermarket brochure, we usually have some reasons and expectations about what we are going to read or we want to know something because we are just curious. Rarely do we read without any purpose and expectations, and we often know something about the topic that we are going to read about. In the classroom, then, learners can be provided with a context before they read a text so that they will have some idea on what they will read and what to expect from the text. This presentation aims to discuss the preliminary findings from a small-scale study conducted to determine the views of 50 EFL learners at A2 level towards the reading to confirm expectations. The study lasted 7 weeks, during which the participants were asked to respond to guess the answers to four questions, or complete a KWL chart before they read each story. The results of the study indicate that this technique appears to provide learners with a purpose to read and increase their motivation and interest as well as to contribute to their predicting skills.