**The role of enrichment programs in developing reading and thinking for gifted students**

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Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to explore the role of the enrichment programs in developing reading and thinking skills for gifted students. The paper discusses some enrichment units that were adapted within the activities of a funded research grant at Sultan Qaboos University, Oman. Some of the units' contents such as animals, electricity, and biology are discussed. The paper then discusses the way these units can be used in developing critical reading, problem solving, and creative and mathematical thinking. The paper also explores the review of literature related to the effect of enrichment programs on developing reading and thinking for gifted students in different grade levels. The paper highlights a framework to make use of enrichment units used in the curriculum of the gifted in supporting the learning of gifted students with problem-solving skills and creative thinking.

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