

**The Effect of Cultural Awareness on Motivating Students to Learn English as a Foreign Language in Jordan**  
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**Abstract**

Language and culture are related and interrelated in learning foreign languages. Culture plays an important role in motivating students to learn the foreign language. Most EFL Jordanian teachers remark that cultural awareness is mostly absent in the learning process in English in Jordanian schools. This leads to many defects in teaching English as a foreign language. Neff and Rucynski (2013:12) state that "it is not feasible to teach language without teaching culture as well" The current study focuses on investigating the effect of cultural awareness on motivating English learners in Jordan to learn English as a foreign language.

**Keyword:** cultural awareness, culture, foreign language, cultural competence and culture teaching.