

Children's Literature in English Language Education



Children's Literature in English Language Education is a journal for scholars and practitioners involved in using and researching children's literature in the field of English learning as a second, additional or foreign language. The journal prefers the acronym ELT as an umbrella term for the various settings of English language education.

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