

## The Contribution of Applied Linguistics in Disciplinary Problem Solving: Case of EFL Teaching in the Department of English at the University of Tlemcen

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### ABSTRACT

*With the advance of the 21<sup>st</sup> century; many disciplines witnessed many changes. The domain of education is not an exception. A part from this, applied linguistics which is a practice driven discipline aiming at solving problems generated by the wrong use of language is seen nowadays as a critical agent in resolving many problems in different domains. The aim of this paper is to highlight in a little more details how applied linguistics contributes in solving problems in the EFL discipline. To do so, the necessary data will be collected using a semi-structured interview with EFL teachers and thus analyzed both qualitatively and quantitatively.*

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

ELT or English Language Teaching is considered a multidisciplinary domain. In other words, the study of ELT draws its principles with other disciplines including: psychology, sociology, technology, ethnography, educational psychology, and applied linguistics. This last, has a great deal to do with ELT as it is a practice driven discipline i.e. Applied linguists are there in the domain with no theory in mind but they end up with it while