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From the Editor

Dear Readers,

This issue is our second “Perspectives” column, this one entitled “I Thought I Should Give You Good Answers”: Evidence of Demand Characteristics Bias in a Research Interview. This is a striking example of how student survey responses might not always correspond to their true views.

Next, I invite you, the readers of TESL-EJ, to respond to my personal “rant” concerning why authors tend to reference articles that they probably have not read. See the Perspectives column for the full text.

Passages. We would like to thank Prof. Miriam Faine for her service as a co-editor who provided expertise on migrant and social issues affecting ELT instruction. We also thank our review editor, Dr. Rachel Toncelli, who has been invited to lead an international team through the Artificial Intelligence in Education at Oxford University research collaborative. Unfortunately, this exciting opportunity would leave little time left for TESL-EJ.

The Best Reviewer Awards for 2025. Each year, we award certificates of appreciation to the 10 reviewers who have contributed three or more reviews and have achieved the highest average rating for quality and timeliness. Since TESL-EJ is a volunteer organization without any source of income, we can only offer them a signed certificate for their efforts. Here we display just their names and current location. And the winners are...

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Thanks to recent reviewers. We thank the reviewers of all submissions that had reached a decision since our last issue – regardless of whether the paper was accepted or declined. Alqahtani Nouf, Ameen Fahad, Amira Albagshi, Amirreza Karami, Aránzazu García-Pinar, Artero Abellan Meltem, Artut Emre, Azad Mohammad Taghei, Batunan Deisyi, Behnam Aghayani, Chahrazed Mirza, Chiagorom Mehmet, Colin William Campbell, David Imamyartha, Dr. Guy Redmer, El-Garawany Marwa, El-Koumi Musa, Eslam Yacoub, Evi Puspitasari, Fakhrudin Jihee, Frank Hermann, Grant Eckstein, Guy Redmer, Hamid Bahador, Havva Zorluel Ozer, Helen Lepp Friesen, Hoang Nguyen, Ilka Kostka, Jeremy Douglas Phillips, John Chun Yin Wong, Joseph Tomei, Khan Amanda, Laura M. Hartwell, Lian Ania, Lilly Yazdanpanah, Lin Zhou, M. Affandi Arianto, Madarbakus-Ring Naheen, Made Hery Santosa, Makimi Kano, Manashi Dutta, Merve Savasci, Michael Joseph Ennis, Michael Lance Rabbidge, Mohamed Elhess, Mohammad N. Karimi, Mohammad Reza Anani Sarab, Molin-Karakoc Linda Marie

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Enjoy!

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