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**CONTRACT      LEARNING      IN      THE      ENGLISH  
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**ABSTRACT**

*Contract learning involves the negotiation and setting up of a contract with students, detailing requirements and methods of course assessment. It promises more student involvement and initiative. In this paper, we describe an attempt to bring a modified form of contract learning into a tertiary-level English language classroom. It was found that students were generally unable to take advantage of the flexibility offered. Possible implications are discussed.*