

Week 2: Reading Task 1

Today's reading task is based on the following article (see title below). Read and answer the following questions (1-4) before reading the article.

UK gender-equality scheme spreads across the world

The United States is set to trial a version that will also cover race and disability.

1. What do you think this article is about?
2. How do you think people will react to it?
3. Is gender-equality (or inequality) something that you have experienced in your personal, academic or professional life?
4. What impact do you think this will have in higher education?

You may now open the article to read it and answer the following questions:

5. Where did the programme begin?
6. What was the name given to the British programme in 2005?
7. Is it mandatory for universities to join?
8. In the pilot scheme in the US, what type of data will be collected?
9. When will Irish universities have their ratings?
10. What is believed to have encouraged the growth of the scheme?
11. What does Renee Horton attribute to being an issue that could arise in American universities?

Once you have completed reading the article and questions 1-11, you must answer the following questions:

12. Were your answers for question 1 & 2 accurate?
13. In questions 1-4, what type of reading strategy is required?