

Appendix V: Interview questions

1. From your Questionnaire, I know that you are likely to stay in China after your graduation; what's the point of studying this English programme? Do you think that English would be useful for you while you are staying in China?
2. In our focus group discussion, you said that 'while you are speaking English, you'd like to sound like yourself'. What do you mean of 'yourself'? What is 'the English of yourself' like?

Also, I am wondering that when you are doing business with your foreign customers, do you mind that they will judge you from the English that you are speaking? On the contrary, do you have a preference/prejudice on the English that they speak, for example, English or Indian people's English?

3. As far as I remember that you mentioned that you'd like to sound like British (Americans), why do you choose English (Americans) rather than others to learn English from? Can you feel any kind of privilege or benefit of speaking English like English (Americans)?
4. As is said that language and culture are bond together, so when we are learning English, we can also learn the culture that English language carries. Thus, alongside the English study, what kind of culture do you think that you've learned the most?
5. As we discussed before, you said that you are really impressed with the English that the famous movie star (presenter), CHENG Long (YANG Lan) speaks. I am wondering that do you actually admire the English he (she) speaks, or the fame/status/job that he has?

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6. In our Focus Group Discussion, you mentioned that ‘Chinese English’ might be a good and easy start for children to learn. Do you think that ‘Chinese English’ can stand alongside ‘American English’ or ‘British English’ one day?

7. As you mentioned that English used as an International language is for communication; some ‘Chinese English’ can’t be understood by English people, and we have to follow the ‘English rule’, learn ‘traditional English’. However, as we have noticed that some ‘Chinese English’, such as ‘long time no see’ are even used by English native speakers in daily communication, what do you think of this phenomenon? DO you think that ‘Chinese English’ have future?

8. As you suggested that rather than ‘Chinese English’, ‘Chinese’ would be more appropriate to be ‘our own brand’ language. Do you think that Chinese would be possibly used as an international language by English people as well one day? Do you think current English status as an international language would threat Chinese to be a global language alongside English?