

## Re: Learning a language

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in article m3oen0qgte.fsf@mika.informatik.uni-freiburg.de, LEE Sau Dan at danlee@informatik.uni-freiburg.de wrote on 7/1/04 2:20 AM:

>>>>> *"Rex" == Rex F May <rex.may@comcast.net> writes:*

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> *Rex> After everything else, too, isn't it? 'xi' involves no*

> *Rex> change in tongue position, at least. It seems to me that*

> *Rex> Mandarin hates to change mouth position within a word.*

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> *Yeah. I have that impression, too. So, don't pronounce "shi" with*

> *rounded lips. A Mandarin speaker says "shi" with the lips wide open*

> *throughout the whole syllable.*

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I can see that. Pursing the lips would probably result in a following vowel somewhat similar to umlaut-u.