

Re: Your vote on a common global language

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On Sun, 12 Dec 2004 07:01:15 -0600, mnc@admin.u.nu (Miguel Cruz) wrote:

>Dylan Sung <dylanwhs.tsksktsk@pacific.net.hk> wrote:
>> "Lee Sau Dan" <danlee@informatik.uni-freiburg.de> wrote:
>>> Ask your friends at the party to correct you.
>>> It's not easy, as you have to learn to pay attention to some phonetic
>>> features (e.g. tones, syllable-timed rhythm) that have been
>>> insensitive to your English ears.
>>
>> That sounds awfully patronising.
>
>He's right, though; my English ears have a really hard time picking up the
>proper cues.

Does anyone know anyone who has learnt Chinese as an adult?

I tried just to learn a few words, and had enormous trouble. Generally I am pretty good with languages too, but with any of the Chinese, I just could neither hear or pronounce things properly, and managed a near perfect miscomprehension rate!

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