

Poster Title: Motivating pronunciation learning: Self-access online learning for Chinese students

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Abstract

The English Pronunciation Platform (EPP) is a suite of interactive, online exercises and learning materials to support English pronunciation, speaking and listening courses. The platform specifically targets the pronunciation needs of Chinese learners by making students aware of typical problem areas and providing targeted practice of those areas. It provides learners and teachers with an abundant resource of motivating, pronunciation-related topics covering all significant areas of the pronunciation syllabus in support of language learning courses in which pronunciation is often neglected. Learning and practice exercises feature a wide variety of animated, attractive exercises and lectures with multiple modes of interactivity featuring numerous randomized data sets, multiple English accents, interactive conversations and drills, and intelligent audio feedback throughout. The latest website technology is exploited to provide learners with a rich audiovisual environment to provide a wealth of speaking and listening practice that students can undertake at their own pace and to target their individual needs.