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《为什么英语课上人们不爱发言？》

导读:你有没有注意到这样一个现象，英语课上许多人都保持沉默，为什么？因为对自己英语不自信、还是单纯地不爱说话？那些总是喋喋不休的人就一定做得更好啊？

Going back to school after working for a long time has not been easy. What makes it extra difficult is the Western liberal arts style of teaching. It emphasizes discussions, which is not compatible with my disposition and different from the Chinese style of teaching that I am used to.

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Most of my classes are small, about a dozen people. Most students who frequently speak up are from English-speaking countries. Being shy and especially aversive to confrontation, I am usually quiet. However, I’m not the only one. In my corner of silence are students from Asia or other non-English speaking areas.

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People are reluctant to speak up for different reasons. Not being able to speak fluent English, or at least worried about embarrassing oneself for grammatical errors, might be an important one, especially in an English-taught program.

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For me, not being sure of whether I am making a convincing and fresh point is the biggest factor. Having survived

and thrived in the exam-oriented, right/wrong-answer-focused Chinese education system, I feel insecure not knowing the "correct answer."

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Moreover, this insecurity turns into frustration. I feel uneasy in my seat while listening to my classmates speak. On one hand, I’m angry at myself for not being brave; at the same time I dismiss what the others are saying. But in truth, it’s just an excuse to mask my feeling of inferiority over feeling like others know so much about so many things.

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Of course, over time I learned the merits of this style of teaching and learning. The biggest advantage of being in a program with people from all over the world is that everybody brings in something new. What’s obvious to me, a Chinese, might not be so obvious to them. Sometimes it’s important to state the obvious.

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Still it is hard for me to participate in class discussions. However, just because someone does not like speaking up in public, doesn’t mean one cannot think. Just because someone cannot think on their feet, doesn’t mean they can’t do good research. Just because someone is always speaking, doesn’t mean they always make good points.

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