

English Learner Questionnaire

We would like to ask you to help us by answering the following questions in a survey conducted by the School of English Studies of the University of Nottingham, UK, to better understand the thoughts and beliefs of learners of English in China. This questionnaire is not a test so there are no “right” or “wrong” answers and you do not even have to write your name on it. We are interested in your personal opinion. The results of this survey will be used only for research purposes so please give your answers sincerely, as only this will ensure the success of this project. If you decide in the end that you would prefer not to participate in this survey, you will be free to opt out without any consequence. Thank you very much for your help!

Part I

In this part, we would like you to tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statements by simply circling a number from 1 to 6. Please do not leave out any items.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5	6

(Example) If you slightly disagree with the following statement, write this:

I like skiing very much.

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1. Learning English is important to me because I would like to travel internationally.	1 2 3 4 5 6
2. I like English films.	1 2 3 4 5 6
3. My parents/family believe that I must study English to be an educated person.	1 2 3 4 5 6
4. Studying English is important to me in order to gain the approval of the society.	1 2 3 4 5 6
5. Studying English can be important to me because I think I'll need it for further studies.	1 2 3 4 5 6
6. I always look forward to English classes.	1 2 3 4 5 6
7. I think learning English is important in order to learn more about the culture and art of its speakers.	1 2 3 4 5 6
8. Studying English is important to me because I am planning to study abroad.	1 2 3 4 5 6
9. I can imagine myself speaking English in the future with foreign friends at parties.	1 2 3 4 5 6
10. I have to study English, because, otherwise, I think my parents will be disappointed with me.	1 2 3 4 5 6
11. Studying English is important to me because without English I won't be able to travel a lot.	1 2 3 4 5 6
12. Studying English is important to me in order to gain the approval of my peers.	1 2 3 4 5 6
13. Studying English is important to me because other people will respect me more if I have a knowledge of English.	1 2 3 4 5 6
14. I like TV programmes made in English-speaking countries.	1 2 3 4 5 6
15. I study English because close friends of mine think it is important.	1 2 3 4 5 6
16. Studying English is important to me in order to gain the approval of my family.	1 2 3 4 5 6
17. I like to travel to English-speaking countries.	1 2 3 4 5 6
18. I can imagine myself in the future giving an English speech successfully to the public in the future.	1 2 3 4 5 6

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19. Studying English is important to me, because I would feel ashamed if I got bad grades in English.	1	2	3	4	5	6
20. I really like the actual process of learning English.	1	2	3	4	5	6
21. Studying English is important to me in order to achieve a personally important goal (e.g., to get a degree or scholarship).	1	2	3	4	5	6
22. I will study English harder when thinking of not becoming a successful user of English in the future.	1	2	3	4	5	6
23. Studying English is important to me in order to gain the approval of my teachers.	1	2	3	4	5	6
24. Studying English is important to me because my life will change if I acquire good command of English.	1	2	3	4	5	6
25. My dreams of how I want to use English in the future are the same as those of my parents'.	1	2	3	4	5	6
26. I really like the music of English-speaking countries (e.g., pop music).	1	2	3	4	5	6
27. I find learning English really interesting.	1	2	3	4	5	6
28. I can imagine a situation where I am doing business with foreigners by speaking English.	1	2	3	4	5	6
29. I study English because with English I can enjoy travelling abroad.	1	2	3	4	5	6
30. Studying English is necessary for me because I don't want to get a poor score mark or a fail mark in English proficiency tests (NMET, CET, MET, IELTS,...).	1	2	3	4	5	6
31. I think time passes faster while studying English.	1	2	3	4	5	6
32. I consider learning English important because the people I respect think that I should do it.	1	2	3	4	5	6
33. I can imagine that in the future in a café with light music, a foreign friend and I will be chatting in English casually over a cup of coffee.	1	2	3	4	5	6
34. When thinking of not becoming a successful user of English in the future, I feel scared.	1	2	3	4	5	6
35. I can feel a lot of pressure from my parents when I'm learning English.	1	2	3	4	5	6
36. Learning English is important to me because I plan to travel to English-speaking countries in the future.	1	2	3	4	5	6
37. I like English-language magazines, newspapers, and books.	1	2	3	4	5	6
38. I really enjoy learning English.	1	2	3	4	5	6
39. I have to learn English because I don't want to fail the English course.	1	2	3	4	5	6
40. I can imagine myself in the future having a discussion with foreign friends in English.	1	2	3	4	5	6
41. Studying English is important to me because an educated person is supposed to be able to speak English.	1	2	3	4	5	6
42. My image of how I want to use English in the future is mainly influenced by my parents.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Thank you very much so far. You are doing fine. Now you are more than half way through. Would you mind doing some more items? You are helping us so much, which we appreciate so much !

Part II

These are new questions but please answer them the same way as you did before.

43. When the teacher tells me the instructions I understand better.	1	2	3	4	5	6
44. I am prepared to expend a lot of effort in learning English.	1	2	3	4	5	6

45. When I'm imagining myself using English skillfully in the future, I can usually have both specific mental pictures and vivid sounds of the situations.	1	2	3	4	5	6
46. I use colour coding (e.g. highlighter pen) to help me as I learn.	1	2	3	4	5	6

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47. I can usually have several vivid mental pictures and/or sounds of situations when I'm imagining myself using English skillfully in the future.	1	2	3	4	5	6
48. I remember things I have heard in class better than things I have read.	1	2	3	4	5	6
49. I would like to spend lots of time studying English.	1	2	3	4	5	6
50. If I wish, I can imagine how I could successfully use English in the future so vividly that the images and/or sounds hold my attention as a good movie or story does.	1	2	3	4	5	6
51. I learn better by reading what the teacher writes on the chalkboard.	1	2	3	4	5	6
52. I learn better in class when the teacher gives a lecture.	1	2	3	4	5	6
53. I would like to concentrate on studying English more than any other topic.	1	2	3	4	5	6
54. Charts, diagrams, and maps help me understand what someone says.	1	2	3	4	5	6
55. When I listen to a teacher, I imagine pictures, numbers or words.	1	2	3	4	5	6
56. When imagining how I could use English fluently in the future, I usually have a vivid mental picture of the scene.	1	2	3	4	5	6
57. I like for someone to give me the instructions out loud.	1	2	3	4	5	6
58. Even if I failed in my English learning, I would still learn English very hard.	1	2	3	4	5	6
59. I highlight the text in different colours when I study English.	1	2	3	4	5	6
60. I remember things better if I discuss them with someone.	1	2	3	4	5	6
61. English would be still important to me in the future even if I failed in my English course.	1	2	3	4	5	6
62. My dreams of myself using English successfully in the future are sometimes so vivid I feel as though I actually experience the situations.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Do you sometimes imagine yourself using English in the future when you have learnt it?

If yes, please answer the next few questions. If not, please go to **Part III**.

63. Sometimes images of myself using English successfully in the future come to me without the slightest effort.	1	2	3	4	5	6
64. My image or dream of myself using English has changed over the past year.	1	2	3	4	5	6
65. I find it easy to "play" imagined scenes and/or conversations in my mind.	1	2	3	4	5	6
66. My image or dream of myself using English used to be simple, but it has now become more specific.	1	2	3	4	5	6
67. It is easy for me to imagine how I could successfully use English in the future.	1	2	3	4	5	6
68. My image or dream of myself using English has now become more vivid than it used to be.	1	2	3	4	5	6
69. I think I have a natural ability to visualize myself using English successfully in the future.	1	2	3	4	5	6
70. In the past I couldn't imagine of myself using English in the future, but now I do imagine it.	1	2	3	4	5	6
71. I have always found it easy to visualize imagined situations.	1	2	3	4	5	6
72. I used to have rich imaginations of myself using English in the future, but now I don't.	1	2	3	4	5	6
73. My Image of myself using English has become less vivid.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Part III

Please provide the following information by ticking (✓) in the box or writing your response in the space to help us to better interpret your previous answers.

- Male Female
- Chinese Non-Chinese (Please specify: _____)
- Your age (in years): _____
- Have you ever had or do you have now a native English-speaking teacher?
 Yes No
- Have you spent a longer period (at least a total of three months) in English-speaking countries (e.g., travelling, studying)?
 Yes No
- What is your current employment status?
 Secondary school student
 College/university student (If you tick here, please answer the question below.)
 Other (Please specify: _____)
Are you majoring in English?
 Yes No

By submitting this questionnaire I agree that my answers, which I have given voluntarily, can be used anonymously for research purposes.

Thank you again for your cooperation!

