Rediscovering the Sound of Language in Language Education

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1. Background

- Pronunciation teaching
- Methodology
- \rightarrow MARIA Method

(Mimic And Repeat, Instruct And mimic......)

- ✓ Correctness
- ✓ Instructions
- ✓ Practice

FAQ

- 'Correct' English?
- Native-like pronunciation?
- Which English?
- Global language
- Identity?

1.2. Purpose of this presentation

The SOUND of language

A new perspective

- \rightarrow Current trend of pronunciation teaching
- \rightarrow "Sound" of language in language education
- \rightarrow Problems and solutions

2.1. The sound of language

Tone, pitch, rhythm, volume, meter, intensity, pace, mood, voice, texture, structure, quality, softness, hardness, thinness, temperature, sweetness, sonority, punctuation and more and more...

Thomas: "I love you."

Meredith: "No."

Thomas: "Will you marry me?"

Meredith: "Yes!"

2.2 Inner Sound

- Phonological activation (Ehrich, 2006; Abramson & Goldinger, 1997; Beggs & Howarth, 1985; McCutchen & Perfetti, 1982).
- Phonological loop (Baddeley, 1986)
- Subvocal rehearsal

(Craik and Watkins, 1973)

 Speech coding / Subvocalization (Daneman & Newson, 1992)

Ehrich(2006)

"[...] adults will 'hear' the phonological components inside." Sokolov (1972)

Albarracin et. al. (2015)



3.1. Current situation (Pronunciation)

- Communicative Approach (Celce-Murcia, et.al.,2010)
- Pair-practice / (more) meaningful and interactive (Grant, 2014)
- Suprasegmental features (Celce-Murcia, et.al.,2010)

EffectivePracticalCommunication

- Intelligibility and comprehensibility (Derwin & Munro, 2011)
- More realistic and achievable goal setting (Grant, 2014)
- Smooth communication → Lingua Franca/ World Englishes
 (1, 1, 1, 2002)

(Jenkins, 2002)

- Utilitarian demands (Cook, 2000)
- TOEIC and TOEFL, etc.

"Communication"

- Fun oral interactions
- Grope work
- TOEIC
- TOEFL
- (2020 Summer Olympics)

3.2. Summary (Pronunciation)

A practical tool for:

- learners' communication
- group activities
- gaining communicative skills
- achieving utilitarian goals

Target pronunciation:

learners' intelligibility

4. Problems

(1) Lack of input

(2) Lack of internal sound

(3) Lack of inner sound

(4) Too much emphasis on production



5. Negative effects

(1) Communication crack / crap joke / yolk



(2) Skills
✓ Speaking
✓ Listening

× Reading $(?) \rightarrow \checkmark$ × Writing $(?) \rightarrow \checkmark$

6. Language Education

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- Song lyrics
- Jokes
- Puns : Why is camping intense?
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7. Conclusion

- Sound : not just production
- Foreign language teaching \rightarrow Intelligibility (?)
- Activate learners inner sound
- Pronunciation teaching
- Language education \rightarrow
- \diamond teacher's role
- \diamond goal setting

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