Chinese Whispers: Choral singing in a second language - exam results study

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Section 1: Project information

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Question not answered.

The main aim of this study is to investigate the influence of choir singing on second language learning. The study involves two groups of participants: one attending language classes to learn Mandarin (‘language only group’); the other attending language classes and choir sessions to learn Mandarin (‘choir group’). Both groups will take a Mandarin test and the results of the Mandarin test will be compared.

The research question for this study is: What is the influence of learning Mandarin in a choir on second language acquisition?

All participants will be learning Mandarin from a beginner level. Some examples of the participant pool will be Passport level 1 students at the University of Hull, HSK students, GCSE Mandarin students, and students learning Mandarin through the Confucius Institute. Half of the participants will be involved in regular choir sessions alongside the language classes. The choir songs will be specifically composed to complement class content. It is hypothesised that participants in the choir group will achieve higher test scores in the end-of-trimester test than the language-only group (between-group comparisons) and display significantly higher levels of increase in language learning (within-subject comparisons).

Question not answered.

Question not answered.

Question not answered.

Question not answered.

Section 2: Data, Materials, Resource Collection Information

Data collected in this research will be anonymised results of exams. The only information given to the researcher will be the exam results and whether they were in the choir or not. The data will be kept on an encrypted computer as well as on the University of Hull Box.

The teacher or lecturer of the students will send the anonymised results to the researcher.

Question not answered.
The data will only be available in electronic format.

No

It will be stand alone.

The project is supervised by Dr Elaine King and Dr Shane Lindsay.

Section 3: Ethics, Intellectual Property

All data collected will be anonymised and kept on a secure, encrypted computer.

Yes. All data will be anonymised.

Question not answered.

Section 4: Access and Use of Information

The data will only be shared with the supervisors of the project and it will be used for a doctoral thesis. All the data will be anonymous.

The data itself will only be shared with supervisors of the project and an analysis of the data will be published in the doctoral thesis.

The data is anonymised before the researcher receives it and will be kept on a secure, encrypted computer for the duration of the project.

Only myself and my supervisors will have access to the data.

The analysis of the data will be publish in papers or book chapters but the data itself will not be used after this project.

Section 5: Storage and Backup of Data

The data will be stored on the University box site and on an encrypted, password protected computer that only the researcher will have access to.

The data will be preserved for 10 years after the research has taken place. Once the 10 years is complete, the data will be destroyed. It will be stored on Hydra Digital Repository as this can be set to private and is recommended by the University.

The university box site is used for backup of the data.
Different versions will not be stored.

**Section 6: Archiving and Future Proofing of Information**

The data will be preserved for 10 years after the research has taken place. Once the 10 years is complete, the data will be destroyed. It will be stored on Hydra Digital Repository as this can be set to private and is recommended by the University.

All the data will be in PDF format.

All data will be anonymised before reaching the researcher.

Question not answered.

Question not answered.

**Section 7: Resourcing of Data Management**

Eloise McCann - responsibility for data management
Dr Elaine King - access to data
Dr Shane Lindsay - access to data

Question not answered.

N/A

**Section 8: Review of Data Management process**

Regular reviews with supervisors will ensure the data management is adhered to.

The FACE ethics team will review the data management plan during ethical approval.

**Section 9: Statements and personnel details**

**Principle investigator**
Eloise McCann
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Question not answered.