

## Who We Are



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Jane Willis MA CCC is our speech therapist. Jane has over 20 years experience helping people improve their pronunciation. She has now chosen to dedicate herself entirely to helping Mandarin Chinese speak English clearly.



Jane is a licensed, nationally-certified speech therapist. She received her master's degree in speech therapy from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, a national leader in promoting evidence-based speech therapy. Prior to becoming a speech therapist, Jane was an engineer at IBM for 10 years. She also has university teaching experience.

D.W. Ntaba MD MPH is Chairman of our Advisory Board, which assists with the design of educational materials. Dr. Ntaba is a physician at Columbia University's teaching hospitals in New York. He also holds an appointment at Harvard University in support of his work in global public health.

Speak clearly  
and be heard.



**English Pronunciation  
for Mandarin Chinese**

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## What We Do

### We do Mandarin-accented English

To get the best possible results for our clients, we focus exclusively on helping individuals who speak Mandarin-accented English. Our speech therapist has achieved a fine-grained understanding of subtle differences between Mandarin and English articulation, intonation and sentence flow. This mastery helps our clients progress faster.

Our teaching methods are supported by peer-reviewed research and over 20 years experience teaching pronunciation. Our services are individualized to address each client's speech patterns and career goals.



WebEx

Private tutoring is provided by videoconferencing. We use both Cisco Systems' WebEx and Skype. We provide individualized homework to expand and reinforce client learning. Between tutorial sessions, our speech therapist provides timely feedback on emailed audio clips and questions, speeding up the rate of clients' progress.

## Who Benefits

### Everybody benefits

Many Chinese professionals have expertise that is in high demand but are unable to qualify for jobs requiring good English pronunciation. Talented Chinese professionals, as well as students, often have good English vocabulary and grammar skills, but they have not been instructed in how to pronounce English. They feel frustrated when they aren't understood, but may not realize they can learn to pronounce challenging words and achieve a smooth flow to their speech. Learning to speak English clearly is often the one remaining hurdle they must overcome before they can use their full talents to the benefit of their:

- Employers ▪ Teammates ▪ Colleagues
- Customers ▪ Audiences ▪ Phone partners
- College & university communities

Beyond their immediate circles, the improved ability to communicate can also facilitate relationships between Americans and networks of other highly skilled Chinese. This can open up new business ventures and collaborative opportunities for their employers, associates, and school communities.

## When & Where

### Flexible hours & locations

Our speech therapist meets with clients online weekdays and weekends, including evenings. Videoconferencing allows us to tutor clients at their workplaces and in their homes, where ever there is an internet upload speed of at least 300 kilobytes per second. Clients are happy to avoid traveling to and from tutorial sessions.

### Free Trial

We offer a free trial of our services, with no obligation. The free trial includes an assessment of the client's strengths and challenges and a sample tutorial session demonstrating how progress is made.

### Rates

Our rate for private tutoring is \$90.00 an hour. Discounts are available for packages of 18 and 24 hours. Refunds are available for unused sessions. Our charges include individualized homework materials with colored illustrations as well as email communication supporting client progress between sessions.