


## How Multimedia help Yi and Shawn acquire the English Language

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Age	Video Tapes	CD-ROMs		Audio Tapes	
1:6-2:0	Gymboree Jungle Book Dumbo  1. 100 % receptive of English  2. Mandarin in single words for basic communication				
2:1-3:0	Sword in the Stone Robinhood The Rescuers Down Under Alice in Wonderland  1. Role-play in English only (in single words/phrases)  2. Sing Latin American songs and songs in Gymboree and the songs in the animated movies  3. Mandarin only for daily communication with parents and parents' friends (in simple sentences)  4. Usually silent when playing with his English-speaking playmates				


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3:1-3:8	<p>Pinocchio  Lady and the Tramp  Peter Pan  The Little Mermaid  Babar  Barney and Friends  Sing Along Songs  The Wizard of Oz</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extending the role-play plots mingled with dialogues of different characters and songs (in English)</li> <li>2. Singing more songs learned from animated movies &amp; the sing-along video tapes (in English)</li> <li>3. Mandarin is adequate in daily communication in a broader field, e.g., complicated descriptions or requests for what he wants, both at home with parents or at other places with Mandarin-speaking company</li> <li>4. Still silent among English-speaking companies, but he is capable of responding English-speaking caretakers questions</li> </ol>				

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<p>3:9-4:0</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Brother</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sister</p>	<p>Cinderella            Bambi            The Great Mouse Detective            101 Dalmatians            The Fox and the Hound            Beauty and the Beast            Wee Sing Series</p> <p>1. More fluent in Mandarin because of the environment here on this island</p> <p>2. Starting to write A, B, C...(by himself, with intrinsic motivation)</p> <p>3. Sing more songs along with the pieces in both Sing-Along tapes and Wee-Sing tapes</p> <p>4. No English-speaking role plays in this period</p>				

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4.0-4:6	1:0-1:6	<p>The Little Mermaid Ariel's Undersea Adventures Aladdin An American Tail Mary Poppins The Adventures of Winnie the Pooh Mickey and the Beanstalk The Great Mouse Detective Ferngully: The Last Rainforest Jurassic Park The Land Before Time Batman and Robin (TV) Sing Along Wee Sing Series Barney &amp; Friends</p> <p>1. Crazy about dinosaurs, trying to memorize all the names of dinosaurs (in English) 2. Drawing dinosaurs whenever possible 3. Having memorized quite a number of English words (we still cannot tell whether he is able to read the written form or not) 4. Performing the characters in different movies/ CD-Rom stories in English</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Sister</p>	<p>Gymboree Zoo Safari</p> <p>1. 100 % Mandarin for basic communication 2. Singing English songs only when her brother sings together with her 3. Playing with her brother in a passive way</p> 	<p>Living Book (Just Grandma &amp; Me) (The Tortoise &amp; the Hare) (Ruff's Bone) (Little Monster at School) PB Bear 3-D Dinosaur Adventure</p>	<p>Beauty and the Beast (Disney)</p>

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4:6-5:6	1:6-2:6	<p>The Brave Little Toaster An American Tail Fievel Goes West The Lion King Sesame Street (TV) The Land Before Time II Superman (TV) Batman Forever</p> <p>1. Starting to read the English text in the living book series.</p> <p>2. Starting to read the English books which come with the audio-tapes.</p> <p>3. Trying to put everything he sees in English into his memory</p> <p>4. Starting to ask questions about what he doesn't understand when he tries to read the written texts in English</p> <p>5. Having no problem writing 26 alphabets and numbers from 1 to 10</p> <p>6. Still basically at a receptive stage</p>	<p>Gymboree Zoo Safari Sing Along Wee Sing Series Barney &amp; Friends (All the tapes her brother watches)</p> <p>1. 100% Mandarin in basic communication with the family members</p> <p>2. Starting to sing more songs she learns from the tapes</p> <p>3. Imitating her brother while playing with the computer stories</p> <p>4. Still having a passive attitude in using the English language (100% receptive)</p>	<p>Living Book (The New Kid on The Block) (Harry and the Haunted House) (Arthur's Teacher Trouble) (Arthur's Birthday) (The Berenstain Bears Get in a Fight) Dinosaur Hunter Sesame Street Elmo's Preschool The Monkey King 猴子大王 (中英)</p>	<p>Disney storyteller Series (1-22) (bilingual) The Lion King (Disney)</p>

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5:6-6:6	2:6-3:6	<p>The Land Before Time III Pocahontas Mighty Morphin Power Rangers the Movie Sesame Street Presents: Follow That Bird Casper Jungle Book (not animated)</p> <p>(Yi starts kindergarten at 5:8)</p> <p>1. Having no problem recognizing single words, especially names of dinosaurs or familiar characters like Batman</p> <p>2. Starting playing with his sister by taking different roles they have learned from the video tapes or the CD-ROMs (in English)</p> <p>3. Using 100% Mandarin at school and at home for daily communication</p> <p>4. Dinosaurs, Batman, Power Rangers dominate his world with the toys</p>	<p>Wee Sing Series Barney &amp; Friends (All the tapes her brother watches)</p> <p>1. Not having too much choice when she plays with toys or watches video tapes or CD-ROMs; she seems to follow her brother in doing almost everything when her brother is at home</p> <p>2. When she has a choice, she chooses musical tapes</p> <p>3. Rarely using English while she is alone at home or with parents</p> <p>4. Having problems with the /st/ sound; she pronounces /bider/ instead of /spider/ with full awareness of her missing the sound /s/</p>	<p>Living Book (The Bernstain Bears In the Dark) (Sheila Rae, the Brave) (Stellaluna) Jungle Book Casper Brainy Book ㄅㄆㄇ動物園 (中文)</p>	<p>Disney stories (23-26)(bilingual) A Family Christmas (Disney) Pocahontas (Disney) Disney Classic Music Box Songs Cassette The Lion King Sing-Along</p>

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6:6-7:6	3:6-4:6	<p>The Hunchback of Norte Dame Thumbelina Richard Scarry's Best Busy People Video Ever Richard Scarry's Best Learning Songs Video Ever The Berenstain Bears and Too Much TV Dr. Seuss Series Toy Story Gordy Babe Batman and Robin</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Starting to read the texts familiar to him</li> <li>2. Starting to copy more single words, not able to produce yet</li> <li>3. Having formed a world of games in which only English is used by different characters</li> <li>4. Mandarin is used only to interpret rules of the games or instructions</li> <li>5. Starting to talk to parents in English and demand parents to respond in English</li> <li>6. Starting to correct adults' improper English pronunciation (including the News reporters on TV)</li> </ol>	<p>Wee Sing Series Barney &amp; Friends Kidsongs Very Silly Songs (All the tapes her brother watches)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As a second child, she still most of the time follows whatever her brother does</li> <li>2. Starting to recognize and write alphabet letters and numbers from 1 to 10 without overt practice, though sometimes having problem distinguishing "b" from "d"</li> <li>3. Having more aggressive attitude in role taking while playing games with her brother; however, she still takes the minor roles and let her brother take the major roles in any plot</li> </ol>	<p>Living Book (Dr. Seuss's ABC) (Arthur's Reading Race) (Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss) My First Amazing World Explorer The Way Things Work Timon &amp; Pumbaa's Jungle Games Toy Story Animated Storybook</p> 	<p>My First Incredible Amazing Dictionary Dr. Seuss's ABC The Tortoise and the Hare</p> <p>Christmas Carols Disney Classic 迪士尼歡樂美語 (中英) Arthur's Teacher Trouble by Marc Brown</p>

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7:6-now	4:6-now	Hercules James and the Giant Peach Winnie the Pooh Series The Lost World Jurassic Park Big Bird in China Big Bird in Japan Christmas Eve on Sesame Street Don't Eat the Pictures: Sesame Street at the Metropolitan Museum of Art The Magic Sword Star Wars E.T. Arthur (TV)  1. See note 1 for his writing ability  2. See appendix 1 to see how multimedia helps him learn English  3. Listen to the tapes to see how they use the English language while playing games	Wee Sing Series Winnie the Pooh Series (All the tapes her brother watches)	Carmen Sandiego Junior Detective Winnie the Pooh and the Honey Tree The Treehouse The Magic School Bus Explore the Human Body The Magic School Bus Explore the Rainforest Hercules Animated Storybook Mulan Animated Storybook Math Quest with Aladdin 加菲貓 Do Re Mi 冒險 (中文)	Sheila Rae, the Brave Stellanuna Dr. Seuss Kindergarten Mulan Animated Storybook 加菲貓 Do Re Mi 冒險 (中文)	Disney Pooh (1-18) (bilingual) Disney Classic Disney's Hercules Sing-Along The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs! The Magic School Bus Inside a Hurricane Dracula

Note 1: Big bird goes to school

One day, Big bird is going to play with his friend Ernie, but Ernie said, "I am sorry Big bird." "Why?" ask Big bird. "Because I was on my way to school," said Ernie. "Can I come with you?" said Big bird. "Of course," said Ernie. So they all went to school, when they got into the classroom. Grover was already there. "Hey!" said Grover. "Big bird, what are you doing here?" (Written by Yi on my computer; October 4, 1998)