Acquiring the polysemous adverb HAI in Chinese by English-speaking, Japanese-speaking, and Korean-speaking CSL learners

[英日韓二語學習者對於漢語多義詞「還」之習得]

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Abstract

Using corpus analysis and error analysis, this study investigates English-speaking, Japanese-speaking, and Korean-speaking Chinese learners' acquisition of various meanings of hai in Mandarin Chinese, including its temporal meaning 'still, yet' as well as its abundant meanings involving addition, atemporal comparison counter-expectation. We found a preponderance of misselection errors across the three groups of learners. The next most common error type for the Japanese-speaking and Korean-speaking learners was omission, while omission and over-inclusion were equally challenging for English-speaking learners. Further analysis of errors in misselection shows that many learners failed to distinguish the temporal hai from the a concessive sentence for atemporal *haishi* required in counter-expectation meaning.

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