

Interviewer: Is it—Well, this is a question about the behavior of the American students. Do they raise their hand and take turns? Or do they just jump in and start talking?

Pine: All kinds of ways.

Interviewer: OK.

Pine: Maybe. I guess just Chinese students are too shy to speak out, like, among those American students, I guess.

Indistinguishable comments.

Interviewer: Is that your feeling? Shyness around native speakers?

Pine: Ah, it's one of the reasons.

Interviewer: Mm-hmm. All right. What are some of the other reasons?

Pine: Uh, though the, um . . . Um, maybe sometimes I don't know how to say [something], or maybe, um, maybe . . . I guess most of the reason is, is too shy to speak.

Interviewer: OK.

Pine: I mean, for me, if I'm in the class like all Chinese students in that class [like a previous ESL-only writing class], I'll definitely speak.

Interviewer: OK. Um, because you're in the same language situation or the same cultural situation?

Pine: I don't know, because for the past two semesters, like, I took—so I, I spoke a lot. Not a lot, but I mean, for me, it's a lot, in the classes, compared with this semester's English class.