

## Appendix IV: Focus group discussion topics

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1. Why have you decided to study in this UH Franchised Transnational Higher Education programme?
2. Where (people from where/who) do you think they speak the best English? Did that influence your decision at all?
3. While you are speaking English, who would you like to sound like?
4. Do you actually learn from the person that you are inclined to be like (that you would like to sound like)? If so, how? If not, why?
5. Have you heard a famous Chinese person speaking English and are you impressed with the English he/she speaks? Who is she/he?  
  
Would you like to be able to speak like him/her?
6. In your opinion, what is the difference between the way Chinese people speak English and the way English people speak it?
7. Some people in China have suggested that we should have our own brand of English - we could call it "Chinese English" (direct translation from Chinese to English) – with some words and some grammar slightly different from other English – and that children in Chinese schools should learn this. What do you think?