**< UK/foreign belief and attitude about accent>**

1. UK people in Liverpool

During our research, we considered gender ratios to get exact results. We surveyed 5 women and 5 men for our research.

1. How strong is your accent in English?

8 people answered their accent is strong, and 2 people answered their accent is slight. From this result, we can find out that the people of Liverpool think their accent are stronger than others.

Meanwhile, for the other 2 people, they answered they were from Cornwall. They also said Liverpool accent is stronger than Cornwall, so we think this affected their answers.

1. Which English speaking accents do you prefer, why?

There were many answers like Georgia, Liverpool, Gordy, Newcastle, and west country. We also wanted to ask the reasons, but most of them only answered ‘I don’t know’. One person who answered she prefers Gordy and Newcastle accent, and she told she like just the way it sounds. Also, 2 people from Cornwall said they love the west country accent because they were born in there.

1. When you speak English, which sounds are unique in your accent?

There were a variety of answers, and plenty of them answered as ‘I don’t know’, or ‘I don’t have any problem in speaking English’. We think it’s because English is their first language.

For some other people who answered, the answer is as follows.

① make words long than other people

② soft ‘R’ sound

③ Gruffness of the accent

1. Is there any English speaking accents for you to hard to understand?

As the result shows below, the interviewees told that the Scottish accent was the hardest accent to understand. Also, there were 2 people that they fully understand English, regardless of the accents.

Also, one of the people who moved from another city also told that Liverpool accent was also hard to understand at the first time.

2. Foreign people in Liverpool

Since all of the interviewees were British, we thought we should interview some of foreign people, who are not the native English speakers. We interviewed 6 people from ISS program. And they all had English as their second language.

1. How strong is your accent in English?

Unlike British people, we can see most of foreign people think that their accent are slight.

1. Which English speaking accents do you prefer, why?

2 person said they like UK accent, because it sounds very cool. Other 4 of them answered they prefer American accent, because it is easy to understand and pronounce.

1. When you speak English, which sounds are unique in your accent?

They also didn’t answer the question clearly. We think the question was too vague to answer specifically. One of them answered the ‘R’ sound was unique in her accent, and also there was the answer that ‘can’t’ sound was unique.

1. Is there any English speaking accents for you to hard to understand?

The answer for question 2 was the most different answer from the answer of UK people. They thought the British accent was also hard to understand. We think this is because they are familiar to American accent, rather than the British accent. They also said Australian and Indian accent was hard to understand.

<CONCLUSION>

From this research, we found out that the British people usually thought their accent is strong, but the foreign people usually thought their accent is slight. For question number 2, people didn’t answer it clearly. We think this is because they don’t think much about their accents thoroughly when they say words. Next time, we would change our questions more specifically, so people can answer it more easily.

Also, the preference of accents was very diverse when we interviewed UK people. However, when we interviewed foreign people, the classification was much simple than the British people. Lastly, all of the interviewees told the Scottish accent was hard to understand.