

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION IN COLLECTING SPEECH SAMPLES!! 10 USD WILL BE PAID FOR YOUR 20 MIN CONTRIBUTION.

Minematsu-lab @ UTokyo is conducting research activities related to diversity of pronunciation of World Englishes. We are seeking for *non-native* speakers of English who have specific L1s or were born and brought up in specific areas (see below). We'd like them to provide us with their reading-alouds of several English passages. Recording will be done on a web. If you're interested, please visit the following URLs for questionnaires and for recording practice.

Your speech samples will be used only for research and education purposes.

1. Those who speak **Russian** as L1 or were born and brought up in **Russia**.
2. Those who were born and brought up in **Singapore**.
3. Those who were born and brought up in **India**.
4. Those who speak **Chinese** as L1 or were born and brought up in **China**.
5. Those who were born and brought up in **Egypt**.
6. Those who were born and brought up in **African counties except for Egypt**.

Participants need some knowledge of reading *Japanese* sentences, because the instructions on the recording web are written in Japanese. Check the recording web.

Task: Reading aloud 9 passages. With any mistake in reading, you have to re-record.

Speaking (reading) rate: Reference utterances are provided.

Recording: Prepare a quiet room and a laptop. You have to use the laptop only with the built-in battery, without connecting to power supply. A headset is recommended, but you are allowed to use the built-in microphone.

Deadline: September 15 (Wed). We're going to collect recordings from several speakers for each of the six varieties (see above), and the recording site will be closed when a sufficient number of data are collected.

Time required: 15 min to 20 min, probably.

Payment: We pay 10 USD or its equivalence using Amazon gift card or WeChatPay. If you prefer another method for payment, it will be negotiable.

URL for questionnaires:

<https://bit.ly/3mTWvNV>

URL for recording practice (Use Google Chrome only!!) :

<https://bit.ly/3ztgQNC> (account = guest1234, password = 1234guest)

You can ignore red warning messages, if they appear. 1st page is for shadowing and 2nd page is for reading aloud. Both of them are for practice.

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