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In this article, the author seeks to address the problems that people who migrate from Asia to America have when communicating. We realize how Asian American students find it hard in class, especially when they have speaking activities. They perform very well in math, like the example given of the year 2004 where they averaged 577, more than the class average of 531, and in the speaking class they managed 506, which is less than the class average of 528. The author also shows how Asian Americans are affected and how they have problems in communication. A good example is the mother of Amy Tan who has several problems when communication with her stock brokers, and Amy Tan herself, who despite having stayed in America for a while, does have problems when speaking to her husband. The target audience of the author is the people who prejudice Asian Americans due to their problems in verbal arrangement.

In this article, the author implicitly tries to address the problem of prejudice, where people who are fluent in their English do not recognize the problem that Asian Americans have in communication. The author talks of Asian American students having been discouraged from pursuing those degree options that are different from math and sciences. The article also implicitly addresses the problem that Asian Americans have in communication, which they should be proud of rather than feel inferior since it is their mother tongue, as Amy Tan puts it. It is evident that they feel inferior due to this when the mother of Amy Tan asks her to talk with her stock broker over the phone disguised as her.

The author puts the article in a chronological structure, where he introduces the author to another book, in this case the book of Amy Tan, and then goes on to discuss her opinion and

experiences. In the first part of the article, the audience is able to know and understand who Amy Tan is. Then, when the author writes about the experiences of Tan, the readers are able to connect and realize the problems that she had, and understand her experiences. From the first part, we realize that Amy Tan was born in the family of immigrants from China, and as we read through the article, we realize how such Asian Americans have problems when communicating. The key part in this article is the part where the author introduces Amy Tan, and the Amy Tan talks of the percentage of what her friends say they understand when her mother speaks.

In this article, the author has strategized to address the problems that are faced by Asian Americans in an attempt to persuade the readers to accept the language that is spoken by Asian Americans. By addressing the problems, the author thought that the readers would sympathize with these people.

The author supports his thesis where Amy Tan says that her mother's English is perfect, and that to her English is her mother tongue. This is the part where the author tries to imply that there is absolutely nothing wrong with the English that they speak. However, this is not convincing, since there is a Standard English that is widely accepted. If people come up with similar assumptions, then this will lead to the total distortion of the language to a point where there will not be understanding even among those people purporting to speak English language.

From the article, it is clear that the author expected counter-reactions and critics to the same article. After introducing Amy Tan, she says that she can only give her personal opinion since she is neither an English scholar nor is she an expert in literature. This shows that the author expects people to critique, since the article is based on opinion rather than English and literature facts.

It is clear that the author has fallen prey of faulty reasoning. Amy Tan says that her mother's English is perfect and goes on to explain that this is because she fully understands it and that it is her mother tongue. This is a faulty reasoning, because, as explained earlier, there is a Standard English which should be used, and claiming that the mother's English is perfect is wrong.

Visual Texts

From this article, I am highly surprised that a person who has been an author of several books can have such a misguided opinion towards language. One cannot help but detect an attempt to distort the language. Despite the fact that people of Asian American decent should not be prejudiced towards their language, the same language should not be accepted and regarded as perfect. According to the author's implications, there could be foul play to have this language accepted.

When the author talks of Amy Tan's mother having problems talking to her stock brokers and the part that the author talks of teachers discouraging students from taking degrees that are different from math and sciences, he portrays a visual image that people of Asian American decent are very prejudiced and that their problems in English language makes them disadvantaged. By doing so, the author was able to appeal to the audience and convince them that this is true. The audience then sympathized with these people.

One can realize that this article is aimed at advertising the books that are written by Amy Tan. When the author of the article introduces Amy, he used a reasonable part of the same to display all the books that she has written. The author also goes on to write about the issues that Amy mentions her book *The Joy Luck Club* and goes on to explain some of the issues that are in the books. One can conclude that the author tends to introduce Amy Tan as an author as well as

advertise her books. Despite this, the idea of people of Asian American decent having difficulty in communication is explicitly displayed in the article.

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