

CASE STUDY

Angel is Beverly's best friend. When the two of them are allowed to sit next to each other, they speak Chinese to each other. Angel is extremely shy and will not attempt to speak English at all. She uses Beverly as the buffer between her and the rest of the world. This is the beginning of several problems. The first is that, with Beverly translating for her, Angel's exposure and opportunities to practice English are being limited. It also is becoming a problem for Beverly, because she seems to want to make friends with some of the other students, but she feels obligated to be with Angel.

At first, Angel would not answer any questions on her own, even questions like "What is your name?" or "How old are you?" Now, even though you are sure her receptive English is improving, she has grown totally dependent on others, particularly Beverly, for help. If you ask her questions, the other students tend to prompt her and whisper loudly, so she hears them. After long, uncomfortable silences, she will put her hand up in front of her mouth and whisper the answer everyone is telling her to say. Then she'll say, "No, no, no," as if she's made a mistake and wants to erase all those words. Sometimes you only know she's speaking because you can see her lips moving.

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A. Answer the following questions choosing from the options given below: (1x6=6)

1. Beverly is...

- i. Confused
- ii. Helpful
- iii. Selfish

2. Angel is...

- i. Shy
- ii. Talkative
- iii. Confused

3. Angel has trouble in
- i. Doing work without help from peers
 - ii. Speaking in Chinese in the class
 - iii. Making friendship with Beverly

4. Angel is embarrassed when
- i. Asked questions in the classroom
 - ii. Prompting to other classmates
 - iii. Beverly talks with other friends

5. Beverly wants to
- i. Sit alone
 - ii. Make friends other than Angel
 - iii. Ignore Angel

6. Angel needs to
- i. Practice speaking in English independently
 - ii. Be more dependent on Beverly
 - iii. Use Chinese language in the class

B. Suppose you are the monitor of the class and you are asked to maintain the English class for 30 minutes. Based on your understanding of the passage answer the following questions: (1x4= 4)

7. Should you make Beverly and Angel sit separately?
8. What would you do to stop other students prompting her?
9. How long should you allow Beverly to speak in Chinese with Angel ?
10. How can you make Angel practice speaking in English?