



Pre-Workshop Quiz: Supporting



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1. According to Fall 2024 statistics, which of the following is NOT one of the top 5 sending countries by enrollment (i.e., countries where many of international students come from)?
- A Bangladesh
 - B Indonesia
 - C China
 - D India
 - E South Korea



- i** Indonesia is ranked #10. Taiwan, which is not listed here, is #4. In terms of continents, the majority of our international students come from Asia (10,886 out of 12,474), particularly from East Asia. For the full statistics, see [fa24_stats.pdf](#).

2. **True or False:** Most students from East Asia (e.g., China, Taiwan, South Korea) are "eye learners" who acquired

English through formal education, focusing on reading and writing rather than "ear learners" who acquired English through auditory input



True

- i** Because of this reason, they often prefer "seeing" things written down (e.g., instructions, questions). This is also why 1) they won't make the same type of mistake that domestic students make (e.g., not being able to differentiate "their", "there", "they're"), 2) they may be better at understanding grammatical terms like "subject" and verb", and 3) it's **not** a good idea to ask them, "read your paper and see if it *sounds* good")

- 3. True or False:** In general, there is a strong correlation between international students' oral proficiency and their writing proficiency



False

- i** There IS a correlation but not a strong one. I have seen MANY students with strong oral proficiency and very weak writing proficiency (e.g., many Indian students) or vice versa (e.g., many East Asian students)

- 4. True or False:** The terms "shy" or "reserved" generally carry the same negative connotations in East Asian countries as they do in Western cultures.



False

- i** In many East Asian societies, such as China, Japan, and Korea, being shy or reserved has traditionally been viewed

positively as a sign of respect, humility, and social maturity (although that may be changing). This is one of the reasons why you may see a lot of "shy" East Asian students in your class (part of it is also peer pressure if you have a lot of them in your class - they don't want to be considered a "snob"). This is also one of the reasons why they may never raise their hand to ask you even if you use words they don't understand.

- 5. True or False:** Most international students who are not native speakers wish to sound like native speakers in their writing

True

- i** Despite our growing efforts to de-emphasize the "native speaker" model in teaching English, most students will tell you their goal is to sound like native speakers (in their writing as well). This explains why so many rely on AI tools to modify their tone (they want to sound "native" and "professional")



- 6. True or False:** Many students from East Asia will often give you extensive explanations for missing a class, which may seem unnecessary to American instructors

True

- i** East Asian educational systems often emphasize discipline and attendance. Students may feel compelled to justify their absence thoroughly to align with these cultural expectations



- 7. True or False:** When international students say they want feedback on the "structure" of their writing, they are often

referring to the organization of their paper.



False

- i** "Structure" is one of those "catch-all" terms students like to use to refer to all sorts of **different** issues, so you really have to prod a little when you hear that.

- 8. True or False:** When international students say they are writing an "article", they are often referring to a published piece of writing.



False

- i** Many students often use the term "article" to mean an essay or paper they are writing.

- 9. True or False:** Many international students have trouble understanding what constitutes "common knowledge" (the term that is used in the Student Code to describe what needs or does not need citation)



True

- i** Most international students think of "common knowledge" as **commonly known** piece of information rather than thinking of it as a matter of authorship. A helpful question for students would be to ask, "did someone put some research or hard work to discover the information and therefore can claim authorship?"

- **10. True or False:** Most students from East Asia are hesitant to participate in peer reviews because the education system in their home countries does not emphasize critical thinking.



False

- ⓘ As with the previous claim, this is a stereo type people have about the education system in East Asia (that it emphasizes rote learning and memorization). Most of them are not hesitant to participate in peer reviews (again, things have changed over the past decade or so) although they do struggle with conventions (e.g., using hedging language - many of them think putting "please" or "kindly" does the job) or may not want to critique their native speaker peers (how dare do I judge native speakers' writing?)

- **11. True or False:** Most students from East Asia believe that information is shared and "owned by the whole society" and may have trouble understanding the concept of source attribution.



False

- ⓘ This may have been true decades ago (there were many articles about this published in the 2000s), but I believe things have changed. For example, when I first started my position in 2013, there were still some students claiming innocence (i.e., I didn't know I was supposed to cite if I borrow information from somewhere) and we had to create a test called "Plagiarism Awareness Certification Test" but over the years that number significantly dropped and today rarely hear about those students. It's important to be mindful of cultural shift that happens in students' home countries when discussing international students' needs.

12. True or False: Some international students use the term "cite" to mean "paraphrase or quote".

True

i Many students will tell you they "cited" the source when they mean they paraphrase or quoted the source material (but did not actually acknowledge the source)



13. True or False: Many international students tend to consider writing samples as templates or perfect models to follow

True



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