

texts with idiomatic expressions
pre-reading and after-reading tasks aimed at training lexical skills In this article the attention is focused on idioms which can be classified with such important traits inherent to the Americans as aiming at success and respect to professionalism.

The lexicographical analysis of the English-Russian and English-English dictionaries allowed us to make up our own glossary, illustrating the most outstanding national American traits.

CHINESE DIALECTS

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China is a huge country which consists of 23 provinces. People who came from different provinces have their own traditions, culture and dialect.

There are more than 80 dialects in China. Some of them are similar to official Chinese but the others are considered as languages which are not understandable.

Today I will tell you about some of difficult dialects in China.

1 The Wenzhou dialect. It is considered to be the most difficult dialect in China. It is said that in the war-time the link men only came from Wenzhou, because even if enemy of China listened through the line, then could not understand.

2 The Yue dialect. It is spoken by the most people except official Chinese. In provinces like Guangdong, HongKong and Macao people all speak the Yue dialect. Even in Singapore Yue became local dialect because of the large number of immigrants from China.

3 The Suzhou dialect. It is the most orphan dialect in China, it sounds like music. People like it so much that there appeared a TV program called "PingTan". People tell stories in the Suzhou dialect with musical instruments on the TV program.

These dialects are considered as the top three of difficult dialects. However, I need to stress that difference between official Chinese and dialects is not in grammar but in pronunciation. So don't be afraid if you want to learn Chinese.

Let's think about the question: why dialects appeared? In ancient China, there were 7 regions, where local languages existed. And then the Emperor Qin united the country. Language of the Qin Empire became the

official language and the others became dialects. However, Qin collapsed because of the improper and cruel manners of ruling. The wars led to the migration of people and thanks to this the official language spread.