

Abstract

Absolute pitch (AP), the ability to identify pitch quickly and effortlessly without any external references, is thought to be a genius ability, and only young children in critical developmental period can be trained as AP possessors. Yet, Professors in CUHK, Alan Wong and Yetta Wong have conducted AP training in HK, and successfully trained some adults into AP possessors. To further prove the effect of AP training on non-tonal speakers, this thesis is an enhanced study of AP training program on non-tonal speakers. It was found that twenty out of twenty-three participants have an increase in AP accuracy after twenty training sessions. In which, two out of twenty-three can be trained as partial genuine AP possessors. One of them showed decay in the AP ability after one month, while the other one maintained AP ability up to 83% accuracy.

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