

## An Open Letter to Pei Pei Champion

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Pei Pei, thank you for your time and effort in the Chinese language classes you taught for the last few weeks through the West Hartford Continuing Education. Although it is just the beginning for me learning to speak, read and write Chinese, I feel that I have been immersed into a wonderful learning system that really has me excited to learn more and to continue to learn Chinese through you until I am fluent enough to converse.

I think you have the gift of insight to understand how people will best learn Chinese and you give your best effort to follow that insight. I have taken other language courses and yours is by far the most exciting and dynamic class I have taken. Too many times, learning a language is dull and rote, but the Champion Chinese method really allows me to remember much of what you taught. You seem to break down Chinese into a simple method that is not intimidating nor overwhelming. I am in my 50's and learning anything these days is not what it used to be!

Your passion for the traditional Chinese language always shows through. Without passion there is no mastery in anything we do, whether it is practicing piano or teaching a language. I have been fortunate to meet and study under various true masters in other disciplines in my lifetime, so I do know what mastery implies and what it takes to become a master of something. You seem to have mastered teaching Chinese, a language many people think is the toughest language to learn, myself included, and I am Chinese!

I love your teaching style! It is a simple but very elegant style. Simple in that you break it all down and present it as such an easy language to learn. Elegant in that when you put it all back together, it all makes sense. How wonderful it would be if other teachers could teach this way.

Probably your most important trait is your commitment to teaching traditional Chinese. I very much believe in learning and preserving the traditional Chinese language. Centuries of knowledge would be lost without being able to understand specific traditional Chinese characters. My "journey" into Traditional Chinese Medicine, Kung Fu, and Chi Gung have made me realize the importance of preserving this language for specific applications and explanations. A civilization's past history is important to its culture. To lose the culture of the past is to doom the future of that culture!

In closing, I want to thank you for getting me to do something I have always wanted to do, but felt it was too daunting... and that is to learn Chinese. I don't think I could have picked a better teacher! You care about teaching, you care about the traditional Chinese language and you care about us as students. I have had a wonderful experience in your class and will continue to take your classes as time permits in the future. Please use this letter as my reference to you with the highest regard.

With gratitude,

Wayne Yee