

Motivation, Frequency of Usage and Level of Confidence in using Philippine English among Foreign Students

Alma Torres – Jallorina and Elias Rafael L. Decena
University of Perpetual Help System-Binan, Philippines

Abstract

The main objective of this descriptive-correlational study was to determine the motivation, frequency of usage and level of confidence in using Philippine English among foreign students. The study found out that the respondents' motivation in using Philippine English is their wish to speak Philippine English perfectly. The respondents often used Philippine English like the terms comfort room, Xerox, aircon, mineral water and rubber shoes. The respondents' had high level of confidence in using Philippine English. The respondents' frequency of usage of Philippine English is not dependent on their motivation in using Philippine English. The respondents' level of confidence in using Philippine English is not dependent on their motivation in using Philippine English. The respondents' level of confidence in using Philippine English is not dependent on their frequency of usage of Philippine English. Determining motivation, confidence in using Philippine English may shed light on situating this local variety of World Englishes which has its distinctive structures that are contextually understood in various social contexts of foreign students in the country which promotes pluralistic society and multilingualism.

Key words: *motivation, frequency of usage, level, confidence, Philippine English*