**八年级（下）英语第11周第4课时**

**Module 10 On the radio Revision学程拓展**

Radio is, once again, showing its power in helping people who study English by themselves. A programme called "Teach Yourself English" was started in Beijing on March 17 with the purpose of improving citizens' understanding of English and ultimately, their usefulness for the 2008 Olympic Games. For those who are eager to learn English but are just too busy to attend training courses, the systematic approach in the radio programme is one alternative. The 20-minute programme follows textbooks prepared by Zhang Daozhen, a prominent English language professor at Beijing Foreign Studies University. In addition to the traditional vocabulary and grammar lessons, there are more up-to-date and practical approaches suited to today's learners. The "Jazz Chant" section, for example, which does not appear in Zhang's books, has the presenters explaining difference in the tones and rhythms of Chinese and English. "What makes the English spoken by Chinese and native speakers different is not the words they use or their pronunciation of a single word, but their tone and rhythm," says Gong Zheng, a hostess for the programme. So, Gong Zheng, from Capital Normal University, teaches the way to speak like a native, based on her own experience and years of study in Australia. Host Scott Wallace, English education specialist from Australia working at the People's Education Publishing Co., says that English learners at all levels can benefit from it. "Listening and speaking have always been the weak points of English teaching in China," he explains,"and the two skills get proper emphasis in the programme. So it can be of some help to all English learners."

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