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do you do that now? In learning Mandarin what were some difficulties that you encountered and how did you overcome them?; Does this not apply to only the adult learners?; How would you rate your progress in learning Mandarin?; It appears that creating this big environment (da huan jing) conducive to language learning is critical?; What else can be done?; Does the family not have to play a bigger part than whether in terms of practising the language or others?

However when English became the working language some people struggled to speak the language. Parents spoke halting English - somehow broken - to their kids. Are you worried that the same will happen with the encouragement of a greater usage of Mandarin? Are you optimistic that with the rise of China the bigger environment or da huan jing to learn Mandarin is created and more people will be motivated to learn Mandarin?; Is there any worry that as more Mainland Chinese know English better than Singaporeans will lose our edge? Would you not say that the motivation is the key to the learning of a language? For people who have had some foundation in Chinese but have lost it along the way and now hope to pick it up again would you have any advice?; Do you think that for an adult learner getting a teacher is essential; Quotable Quotes; Teaching Chinese to Adults An Interview with MM Lee's Chinese Language Tutor Professor Chew Cheng Hai; When did you start giving Chinese lessons to MM Lee? Have there been any changes to his course curriculum since 1975? For example in terms of the vocabulary that he picks up has there been a shift in focus?

Sommario/riassunto

Learn Mandarin while you brush your teeth or shave? Read how Singapore's Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew does it! A Prime Minister as an interpreter? Find out when and why MM Lee had to do it. For the first time, this towering figure of the island-state's politics gives a first-hand account of how he has learnt Mandarin over the last 50 years and kept it alive. He also tells when and why he decided to learn the language, where he got hold of the learning materials from, whom he practises his Mandarin with and what spurs him on. MM Lee goes beyond these 5Ws and 1H in Keeping My Mandarin Alive,
