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TUDIES:

Some contrastive attitudes towards the English language

Person A: Please teach me raight dialog to make mony friends.

Person B: Yes. Teach me things ta say again 'n again.

Person C: Show me korrecht words so Dook educate.

Person D: Polish me speakinggu to seem rike native way.

Person E: We bekum smart speekers, and dat meanz more pay

Person F: We want chansu ta enter growill worlddu.

Person G: Yep - English helps me guddu money & girrl.

Person H: I must English study to move up high.

Person I: Take me & teach me - I won't ask why.

Person J: Yo! Fuck yargh linguistic imperialism.

Why should we kow-tow to rich cowboys?

Person K: Shut appu, stupid! Don't you need ta get employed?

Liao: In so many ways, self and anti-self exist within each person.

Melissa: (scratching her head) Huh? What's that mean?

Liao: This poem was written by an English teacher in Asia, yet in no uncertain

terms it parodies the whole concept of foreign language instruction.

Satoru: Really? I think it simply asks students to examine their motives.

Melissa: Well, it also points out how English is a facet of cultural imperialism.

Tim: (shaking his head) Argh! Gim'me a break!

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