

CHAPTER III

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This General Description section aims to provide a comprehensive overview of “Genshin Impact”, an online game that has attracted the attention of many players around the world. This section explains “Genshin Impact” as a tool for learning English. It also explains the game features, characters, and also some in-game terms used for this research.

A. “Genshin Impact” as a Tool for Learning English

“Genshin Impact”, an online game in the Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game (MMORPG) genre, was published in September 2021. “Genshin Impact”, with over 10 million downloads worldwide, is widely regarded as one of the top MMORPGs. One of the most notable elements of “Genshin Impact” is its capacity to be set in a variety of languages, including English. Players that select the English language setting will see text and speech in English throughout the game, including item descriptions, game rules, and character interaction. This makes “Genshin Impact” an enjoyable option for learning English, particularly for building listening skills.

“Genshin Impact” provides an immersive gaming experience with a large open environment and a diverse range of playable characters. Each character has a distinct past and special skills, adding complexity to the game while also providing a rich context for language use. Players can engage with NPCs (Non-

Playable Characters) who speak English, allowing them to hear different dialects and speaking styles. In addition, the game often organizes events and quests with interactive conversations, in which players must grasp instructions and speak with other characters in order to fulfill tasks. Thus, “Genshin Impact” is not only a source of amusement, but also a useful platform for improving English language abilities in a practical and engaging manner.

B. Features

The features of “Genshin Impact” that support English language learning include:

1. **Character Dialogues:** Each character in the game has rich and varied dialogues, which can help players understand the context of language use in different situations.
2. **Story Narration:** The deep and interactive storyline provides a broader context for language use, allowing players to learn while engaging with the story.
3. **Audio Dubbing:** The character voices dubbed in English provide real examples of correct pronunciation and intonation, which are very beneficial for developing listening skills.
4. **Descriptive Text:** The item descriptions and game instructions written in English help players practice reading and understanding text in the context of the game.

C. World and Characters in “Genshin Impact”

“Genshin Impact” takes set in the imaginary world of Teyvat, a huge and visually gorgeous planet made up of seven areas, each reflecting a distinct element and culture. These territories are overseen by strong deities known as Archons, who rule over their separate nations. Teyvat is beautifully designed, with different settings, detailed backstory, and a wide range of non-playable characters (NPCs) who add to the engaging tale and gameplay. Players travel this world as Travelers, doing tasks, solving puzzles, and interacting with individuals that add to the story and gameplay.

The world of Teyvat in Genshin Impact consists of seven main regions, each representing a specific element and inspired by real-world cultures. Mondstadt, an Anemo element, is a city of freedom inspired by Western Europe, specifically Germany, led by the Anemo Archon, Barbatos. Liyue, a Geo element, depicts Chinese culture with a focus on trade and tradition, under the auspices of the Geo Archon, Rex Lapis. Inazuma, an Electro element, is a Japanese-style archipelago emphasizing the concept of eternity, led by the Raiden Shogun. Sumeru, a Dendro element, is inspired by the Middle East, India, and Egypt, known as a center of knowledge with the Lesser Lord Kusanali as its leader. Fontaine, a Hydro element, reflects French culture with art, law, and beauty as its main characteristics, led by the Hydro Archon, Focalors. Natlan, a Pyro element, is inspired by Aztec and Mayan culture, emphasizing spirit and passion, though details are still limited. Finally,

Snezhnaya, a Cryo element inspired by Russia, is the headquarters of the Fatui and is led by the Tsaritsa, who has the ambition to create a new world. Each region has its own cultural characteristics, environment, and narrative that contribute to the uniqueness of the world of Teyvat, providing an immersive experience for players.

The Traveler is the main character in Genshin Impact and is a unique character because he comes from outside the world of Teyvat. The Traveler embarks on a journey with his twin brother, but the two are separated after encountering a mysterious figure known as the Unknown God. After this incident, the Traveler falls into Teyvat and begins a quest to find his brother while exploring the seven regions of the world. The Traveler has the uncanny ability to adapt to the elements of Teyvat, allowing them to use the power of Anemo, Geo, Electro, Dendro, and other elements depending on the region they visit. This makes the Traveler the only character who can change the element they use, adding flexibility to combat and exploration. Narratively, the Traveler is a character who actively interacts with the various Archons and locals in each region, helping them resolve conflicts and uncover the great secrets of the world of Teyvat. While the Traveler's nature tends to be neutral and is adjusted by the player's decisions, they are depicted as brave, curious, and deeply committed to protecting others. The Traveler's presence is not only as the main character, but also as a medium for players to explore the story, culture, and conflicts in

Teyvat, making him one of the most important characters in the Genshin Impact narrative.

Figure 3.1 Traveler



This study examines the English voices of various famous characters to determine their usefulness as resources for acquiring listening skills. The chosen characters are Xiao, Bennett, Childe, Paimon, and Katheryn, each of whom provides various language components and styles.

Xiao is a quiet and mysterious character from the Liyue region, known for his concise, formal speech style and deep vocabulary that reflects his stoic personality.

Figure 3.2 Xiao



On the other hand, Bennett is an optimistic and enthusiastic adventurer from Mondstadt, whose relaxed and enthusiastic speech style makes his dialogue easy for players to understand and relate to.

Figure 3.3 Bennett



Childe, a complex character from Snezhnaya, exhibits dual personalities, using a polite and formal speech style in his public persona while adopting a more intense and informal tone during battle.

Figure 3.4 Childe



Meanwhile, Paimon, the Traveler's cheerful and talkative companion, stands out for her high-pitched voice and straightforward speech style, providing clear and frequent examples of everyday English expressions.

Figure 3.5 Paimon



Finally, Katheryn, the NPC receptionist from the Adventurers' Guild, is known for her polite and professional tone, offering structured and formal language usage in her dialogue. These characters represent a variety of linguistic elements, making them valuable resources for analyzing English listening skills in the context of this study.

Figure 3.6 Katheryne



In Genshin Impact, Elemental Skill and Elemental Burst are each character's primary abilities that utilize a specific element to attack or support the team. - Elemental Skill is a basic ability that can be used more often because it has a short cooldown. This ability usually provides an elemental attack or special effect, such as a small explosion, trap, or buff/debuff. - Elemental Burst is an ultimate ability with greater power, but requires energy to activate. Typically, its effects include a large attack, healing, protection, or other support that has a big impact in battle. These two abilities complement each other in creating Elemental Reactions, which strengthen attacks or provide additional effects. Using both properly is key to fighting effectively in the world of Teyvat.