

Excerpt 4. Facing challenges

01 Tch: *mianlin danshuiziyuan kuifa de*
facing fresh water resource scarce NOM
wenti women yinggai;
issue 1sg-PL should
'Facing the issue of lack of freshwater resources, we
should...'

02 (---)

03 *zenmeban.*
how (somebody) to do
'what (should we) do?'

04 (1.7)

05 StA: *ai:::.*
umm
'Umm,'

06 *women yinggai you: gengshao ren.*
1sg-PL should have less people
'We should have less people.'



Figure 4.1. The teacher pokes her head, leans forward to StA, and raises her eyebrows on the syllable *geng* in line 7.

TchHead |poke*****
TchEyebrow |raised*****|
TchTorso |lean*****

07 Tch: *you GENG shao ren?*
have less people
'Have less people?'

08 StA: *renkou (.)tai DUO.*
population too large
'Population (is) too large.'

09 Tch: *ang;*
oh
'Oh,'

10 *keneng women yinggai kongzhi renkou.*
Perhaps 1sg-PL should control population
'perhaps we should control the population.'