

Iranian EFL Teachers' and Female Learners' Conceptions and Preferences for Different Types of Oral Corrective Feedback

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ABSTRACT

The present study was conducted to investigate Iranian EFL teachers' and female learners' conceptions and preferences for different types of oral corrective feedback. Convenience sampling was used to select EFL learners with different levels of proficiency (i.e. beginner, intermediate, and advanced) and EFL teachers as participants for this study. To fulfill this end, EFL learners from different language institutes (450 EFL learners: 150 at each level of proficiency) and EFL teachers (100) were asked to fill the questionnaires. First, the questionnaires were translated into Persian (the mother tongue of the participants). Next, the translated version was reviewed by 3 experts. Then they were piloted by some of the participants who had similar characteristics with the main participants of the study and then the reliability of the questionnaires was estimated. The final versions were given to the main participants to gain their conceptions and preferences for oral corrective feedback. To analyze the obtained data, a series of statistical analyses were all run through SPSS Software (v. 22) to compare the outcomes. The results of the study showed that there were significant differences between Iranian EFL teachers' and learners' conceptions and preferences for different types of oral corrective feedback. Finally, the current research findings had benefits to everyone involved in English as foreign language teaching and learning process including, syllabus designers, foreign language teachers and administrators.

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1. Introduction

During the past decades, many studies focused on corrective feedback in the second and foreign language learning contexts. As Lyster and Ranta (1997) mentioned corrective feedback was designed as negative element by linguists, and a kind of repair and help by discourse analysts, and negative feedback by psychologists, and finally as corrective feedback by second language teachers and researchers. Especially, Nicolas, Lightbown, and Spada (2001) identified corrective feedback as any sign to the learners that their

use of the target language was wrong, which had different reactions that the learners experienced. Lyster and Ranta (1997) classified oral corrective feedback into six types: explicit correction, recast, clarification request, metalinguistic cues, elicitation, and repetition. Explicit correction referred to corrections where the teacher explicitly expressed that the student's statement was incorrect and gives the correct form. Recast was related to the type of feedback where the teacher did not directly express that the student was incorrect, but indirectly pointed to the mistake, provided the correct form of the structure. Clarification requests were the kind of corrective feedback where the teacher pointed out that the utterance had not been understood, therefore requesting the student to repeat or repeat the utterance. Metalinguistic cues were considered as questions or comments that indirectly showed that the student had made an error. In elicitation, the correct reformulation was extracted from the students by helping students complete a sentence or asking a question. Unlike metalinguistic cues, elicitation generally needed more than a yes or no response from the student. For repetition, the teacher suggested that the student has made an error and by changing the intonation could adjust the intonation to be repeated. There exists extended literature on the topic of error correction in SLA studies. For example, Han and Jung (2007) looked at patterns of corrective feedback and repair based on the students' English proficiency level, and the rate of consistencies and differences in students and teachers' preferences. The result suggested that the most frequent and typical correction performed by teachers of beginning level was explicit, while intermediate level teachers used recast more than the first group. In general, repair was done at a higher rate among the upper level groups. Students were in strong agreement that they preferred explicit, frequent correction, while there was a tendency and preference among teachers to be more careful and aware of error correction, who believed that opportunities should be given to students to speak freely without interruption. Lee (2013) also researched on both teacher and student preferences on corrective feedback. Results showed that students most preferred to receive explicit and immediate corrections in the middle of their conversations and during teacher-student interactions. However, the teachers strongly disagreed that all of the students' errors and mistakes should be corrected, although they understood that teachers' corrective feedback and the efficacy of immediate correction of the students' errors could have some benefits to their improvement in their oral proficiency. In the same line, Yang (2016) found that L2 learners' mostly preferred metalinguistic feedback, explicit correction, and recasts on fairly all types of linguistic errors. Recasts were viewed as a good feedback for phonological errors compared to lexical and grammatical errors. Similarly, the findings of the study by Roothoof and Breeze's (2016) proved that students were found to be more positive about explicit type of CF than their teachers were. For many decades, finding and helping language (L2) learners' spoken and interactional errors had high importance and priority to L2 teachers and learners. Although a number of second language acquisition (SLA) researchers questioned the effectiveness of oral corrective feedback (CF) (e.g. Krashen, 1982; Truscott, 1999), some studies showed different evidence that immediate spoken CF had impressive and significant effects on improving learners' linguistic accuracy (e.g. Lyster, Saito, & Sato, 2013). Despite the fact that many earlier empirical studies had mainly concentrated on the effectiveness of CF, little attention devoted to teachers' and learners' beliefs of oral CF. Previous researches showed that learners preferred to be corrected much more than their teachers guessed (e.g. Jean & Simard, 2011; Schulz, 2001). As Bloom (2007) and Peacock (2001) suggested the possible educational result of this mismatch between learners' expectations and teachers' perceptions could be related to the lack of willingness of the learners to participate in classroom activities and discussions. A need was felt for the studies that examined teachers' and learners' attitudes and preferences about different aspects of oral CF, the point which was largely neglected in previous attitudinal studies. It would be highly valuable to get data about teachers' and learners' views on the best types of oral CF. Hence few of them provided a strong base for carrying out this type of research on how proficiency level could affect EFL learners' preferences for different types of oral feedback. In addition, it is surprising that quite little research carried out on L2 learners' affective and emotional responses to oral CF, since as Harmer (2006) and Truscott (1999) stated correcting learners' mistakes could increase negative feelings such as anger or embarrassment in them. Corrective feedback (CF) had been referred throughout a direct approach as 'responses to learner sentences containing some errors' (Ellis 2006: 28), however all in all it was seen as a 'complex and complicated development with different types of functions and forms' (Chaudron 1988: 152). The related data regarding this type of direct

and complicated development continued to grow, as analysis showed its role in L2 school rooms and its effects on L2 development. This analysis more and more instructed CF through an important role among the academics that required producing feedbacks to individual learners to have further L2 development. Signs of the growing interest in CF, the ones related to four types of meta-analyses of CF were revealed between 2006 and 2010 (Russell & Spada 2006; Mackey & Goo 2007; Yilmaz, 2012), that altogether provided strong support for the final effectiveness of CF. Two of these meta-analyses had a comparison of the impact sizes conducted by classroom studies (involving the interaction between a tutor and a group of students) and other groups that the results gained by laboratory studies (involving interaction between 2 people, typically a researcher and a learner). In each case, laboratory studies showed considerably the higher impact sizes compared to classroom studies.

A finding by Mackey and Goo (2007) showed the effect of the quantity and also the quality of the context for the provision of treatments in laboratory settings. Also, Li (2010) stated the fact that in the classroom context that was more distraction, the feedback was often not directed toward individual learners. Those contextual and pragmatic differences between laboratory and classroom settings had resulted in the different learning results that motivated us to focus on its role in classrooms settings. In another study by Gass, Mackey and Ross-Feldman (2005), it was observed that the 'interaction may not be as context-dependent as some researchers had claimed and might not change depending on whether the participants were in the classroom or the laboratory' (p. 601). In their comparison of two groups of learners who were involved in learner-learner interaction, one group completed tasks in the presence of a teacher in an intact classroom and the other group completed the same tasks in the presence of a researcher in a laboratory setting. Both settings had a similar distribution of the interactional features of the classrooms. However, the fact that learners completed peer-interaction tasks in a group and in similar ways did not make any difference if they were seated in a classroom or laboratory setting and it was unrelated to the distinction that it was necessary to make in CF research between teacher-student interaction in intact classrooms and interaction that helped and motivated a researcher and a learner outside of the classroom. As Spada & Lightbown (2009) argued classroom-based studies were mostly lead to a better understanding about the kind of interaction that happened in the classrooms that in that condition the teacher was the only fluent speaker that cooperated and interacted with a large number of learners. Accordingly, in this review, we utilized an educational perspective on CF, which was considered as a basic part of classroom practices in which teachers tried to succeed in the instructional objectives that included integration of students' L2 knowledge. To do so, we made reference to Hattie & Timperley's (2007) review of research on feedback in the education literature, which was titled the feedback power.

Therefore, this study was conducted to add to the growing body of literature on how L2 teachers and learners feel about various types of oral CF. This could raise our understanding of common and established practices related to the oral CF in EFL setting. With these points in mind, this study tried to explore the preferences of Iranian EFL learners at different levels of proficiency (beginning, intermediate, and advanced) regarding different types of oral corrective feedback (explicit correction, complete recast, partial recast, clarification request, meta-linguistic feedback, elicitation, and repetition), and to compare these preferences and views with those of their English teachers. Moreover, little research was conducted into the EFL learners' affective and emotional responses to oral CF. This research tried to fill this gap in the oral corrective feedback literature.

The purposes of this study were as follows:

- (1) To explore the preferences of Iranian female EFL learners at different levels of proficiency (beginner, intermediate, and advanced) regarding different types of oral corrective feedback (explicit correction, complete recast, partial recast, clarification request, meta-linguistic feedback, elicitation, and repetition).
- (2) To compare these preferences and views with those of their English teachers.
- (2) And to investigate Iranian female EFL learners' affective and emotional responses to oral CF.

In order to fulfill the purposes of the present study the following research questions were formulated:

- (1) What are the Iranian EFL teachers' and female learners' conceptions towards oral CF, and how well do they correspond?
- 2) What types of corrective feedback do Iranian EFL learners at different levels of proficiency prefer?
- (3) What are the Iranian EFL teachers' preferences towards different types of CF?
- (4) What are the Iranian EFL learners' affective and emotional responses to oral CF and how Iranian EFL teachers perceive their learners' affective responses to oral CF?
- (5) What are the possible reasons for EFL teachers' and learners' preferences for different types of oral CF?

2. Method

This study was designed to investigate into Iranian EFL teachers' and learners' conceptions and preferences for different types of oral corrective feedback. The procedure utilized for the purpose of investigating the above mentioned points was discussed in this part.

2.1 Participants

Convenience sampling was used to select (through personal contacts and according to their willingness to participate) EFL learners with different levels of proficiency (i.e. beginner, intermediate, and advanced) and EFL teachers as participants for this study. To this end, EFL learners from different language institutes (450 female EFL learners: 150 at each level of proficiency) and EFL teachers (100) were asked to fill the questionnaires).

2.2. Instruments

In order to find answers to the above mentioned questions two types of online questionnaires which were designed and used by Roothoof and Breeze (2016) were utilized to gather the required data.

2.2. 1. Teacher's questionnaire

The teacher questionnaire included a total of 12 questions with more open-ended questions. One question was based on Jean and Simard (2011). The question on CF types was based on Cathcart and Olsen (1976), but the examples of CF types were adapted to match Lyster and Ranta's (1997) typology of six CF types: explicit correction, recasts, clarification requests, metalinguistic feedback, elicitation and repetition. Two types of recasts were included, as there is an important difference between longer, unstressed recasts and reduced recasts, which tend to be more salient (Ellis & Sheen, 2006). Teachers were asked to rate these CF types on a 4-point scale which ranged from 'very effective' to 'not effective'. Also, in order to investigate research question 4, concerning affective responses to CF, the teachers were asked the following open question: 'How do you think your students feel when you give them feedback on their oral mistakes?'

2.2.2. Learner's questionnaire

a) Quite similar questionnaire was designed for students which consisted of 9 questions and most items were closed. Students were asked to rate the CF types on a 4-point scale which ranged from 'very good' to 'bad'.

b) In order to investigate research question 4, concerning affective responses to CF, the student questionnaire, included a closed question which asks students to imagine their reaction to receiving oral CF. Two positive items, happy and grateful, were included based on teachers' answers during piloting of the questionnaire. The negative items were adapted from Truscott (1999).

2.3. Procedure

In order to find answers to the research questions, two types of paper questionnaires which were designed and developed by Roothoof and Breeze (2016) were utilized to gather the required quantitative data. The participants of the study, both EFL teachers and learners were asked to fill the questionnaires.

First, the questionnaires were translated into Persian (the mother tongue of the participants). Next, the translated version was reviewed by a number of experts (3 experts). Next it was back-translated to preclude any misconception in the responses (for more information refers to Dörnyei & Taguchi, 2010). Then they were piloted by some of the participants who had similar characteristics with the main participants of the study and then the reliability of the questionnaires was mentioned. The final versions were given to the main participants to gain their conceptions and preferences for oral corrective feedback.

3. Results

Descriptive statistics indicators were used to examine the demographic characteristics of the respondents. The frequency of respondents was examined based on demographic characteristics and related graphs were drawn.

Table 1: Frequency Distribution of Respondents Based on Demographic Characteristics

Variable		Beginner Level		Intermediate Level		Advanced Level	
		Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Gender	man	52	52.0	57	57.0	74	74.0
	woman	48	48.0	43	43.0	26	26.0
Nationality	Iranian	100	100.0	100	100.0	100	100.0
Mother tongue	Turkish	79	79.0	93	93.0	89	89.0
	Persian	21	21.0	7	7.0	11	11.0
Age	18	22	22.0	31	31.0	26	26.0
	19	24	24.0	31	31.0	39	39.0
	20	9	9.0	3	3.0	11	11.0
	21	8	8.0	1	1.0	7	7.0
	22	11	11.0	12	12.0	4	4.0
	23	1	1.0	4	4.0	7	7.0
	24	1	1.0	2	2.0	6	6.0
	25	24	24.0	16	16.0	26	26.0
Learning English at the present time	Yes	24	24.0	23	23.0	22	22.0
	No	76	76.0	77	77.0	78	78.0
Experience of living in an English speaking country	No	100	100.0	100	100.0	100	100.0
Experience of living or working in non-English speaking country	Yes	14	14.0	11	11.0	0	0.0
	No	86	86.0	89	89.0	100	100.0

The results of Table -1 showed that out of 100 basic level students, 52% were males and 48% were females, out of 100 intermediate level students, 57% were boys and 43%, and out of advanced level students, 74% were male and 26% were female . The nationality of all respondents was Iranian. The mother tongue of the majority of students was Turkish at three levels. The age of the majority of respondents was 18 and 19 years old. In terms of learning English, the majority of students were learning the language while collecting the questionnaire. Not all of them had experience living in English or non-English speaking countries.

Table 2: Frequency Distribution of Respondents Based on English Language Usage

Variable	Beginner Level		Intermediate Level		Advanced Level		
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Variable	Frequency	Percent	Frequency
time spent on homework	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	72	72
	1-2	39	39.0	54	54.0	28	28.0
	3-4	39	39.0	32	32.0	0	0.0
	5-6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	22	22.0	22.0	14.0	14.0	0	0.0
reading for entertainment	0	44	44.0	47	47.0	39	39.0
	1-2	26	26.0	33	33.0	61	61.0
	3-4	10	10.0	5	5.0	0	0.0
	5-6	20	20.0	15	15.0	0	0.0
	22	22.0	22.0	14.0	14.0	0	0.0
watching movies and TV	0	44	44.0	47	47.0	39	39.0
	1-2	26	26.0	33	33.0	61	61.0
	3-4	10	10.0	5	5.0	0	0.0
	5-6	20	20.0	15	15.0	0	0.0
	22	22.0	22.0	14.0	14.0	0	0.0
listening to the radio	0	81	81.0	84	84.0	70	70.0
	1-2	19	19.0	16	16.0	18	18.0
	3-4	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	12.0
	5-6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	22	22.0	22.0	14.0	14.0	0	0.0
talking to friends	0	64	64.0	61	61.0	40	40.0
	1-2	25	25.0	32	32.0	46	46.0
	3-4	11	11.0	7	7.0	14	14.0
	22	22.0	22.0	14.0	14.0	0	0.0
talking to colleagues or clients	0	80	80.0	79	79.0	79	79.0
	1-2	9	9.0	14	14.0	21	21.0
	3-4	11	11.0	7	7.0	0	0.0
	22	22.0	22.0	14.0	14.0	0	0.0
reading work-related documents (emails, reports,)	0	24	24.2	21	21.0	25	24.8
	1-2	54	54.5	54	54.0	64	63.4
	3-4	0	0.0	13	13.0	12	11.9
	5-6	21	21.2	12	12.0	0	0.0
	22	22.0	22.0	14.0	14.0	0	0.0
writing emails, reports	0	55	55.0	50	50.0	50	50.0
	1-2	9	9.0	15	15.0	26	26.0
	3-4	36	36.0	28	28.0	7	7.0
	5-6	100	100.0	7	7.0	17	17.0
	22	22.0	22.0	14.0	14.0	0	0.0
writing, talking on the phone	0	89	89.0	93	93.0	86	86.0
	1-2	11	11.0	7	7.0	0	0.0
	3-4	0	0.0	0	0.0	14	14.0
	22	22.0	22.0	14.0	14.0	0	0.0
writing, participating in sessions	0	76	76.0	75	75.0	66	66.0
	1-2	13	13.0	18	18.0	20	20.0
	3-4	11	11.0	7	7.0	14	14.0
presentation	0	55	55.0	42	42.0	23	23.0
	1-2	34	34.0	45	45.0	58	58.0
	3-4	0	0.0	6	6.0	7	7.0
	5-6	11	11.0	7	7.0	0	0.0
	7-8	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	12.0
	22	22.0	22.0	14.0	14.0	0	0.0

• The results of Table -2 showed that the time spent on homework in beginner level students is 39% (1 to 2 hours), 39% (3 to 4 hours) and 22% (7 to 8 hours) and in students The average level was 54% (1 to 2 hours), 32% (3 to 4 hours) and 14% (7 to 8 hours), and in advanced level students was 72% (0 hours) and 28% (1 to 2 hours).

Table 3: Frequency Distribution of Respondents Based on Activities Performed in Classroom

Variable	Beginner		Intermediate		Advanced		
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Variable	Frequency	Percent	Frequency
Grammar or vocabulary exercises	Never	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Rarely	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Sometimes	29	29.0	34	34.0	32	32.0
	Often	71	71.0	66	66.0	68	68.0
Reading texts	Never	0	0.0	8	8.0	10	10.0
	Rarely	21	21.0	14	14.0	0	0.0
	Sometimes	26	26.0	18	18.0	18	18.0
	Often	53	53.0	60	60.0	72	72.0
Listening to dialogues	Never	25	25.0	17	17.0	0	0.0
	Rarely	8	8.0	11	11.0	10	10.0
	Sometimes	18	18.0	21	21.0	12	12.0
	Often	49	49.0	51	51.0	78	78.0
Playing games in English	Never	25	25.0	25	25.0	24	24.0
	Rarely	29	29.0	35	35.0	52	52.0
	Sometimes	16	16.0	20	20.0	24	24.0
	Often	30	30.0	20	20.0	0	0.0
Speaking English in pairs or small groups	Never	25	25.0	17	17.0	0	0.0
	Rarely	8	8.0	3	3.0	0	0.0
	Sometimes	20	20.0	29	29.0	40	40.0
	Often	47	47.0	51	51.0	60	60.0
Speaking English in front of the whole class, class debates	Never	18	18.0	10	10.0	0	0.0
	Rarely	0	0.0	8	8.0	10	10.0
	Sometimes	41	41.0	41	41.0	37	37.0
	Often	41	41.0	41	41.0	53	53.0

The results in Table -3 showed:

In grammar or vocabulary exercises, the majority of students in all three groups, beginner, intermediate and advanced, had chosen occasionally and often.

In reading texts, the majority of students in all three groups, beginner, intermediate and advanced, chose sometimes and often.

In the variable of listening to conversations, the majority of students in all three groups of beginners, intermediate and advanced, had chosen the option often.

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In playing English, the majority of students in all three groups, beginner, intermediate and advanced, chose sometimes.

When speaking in English in pairs or small groups, the majority of students in all three groups, beginner, intermediate and advanced, chose often.

Speaking in front of the whole class, the class discussions also had selected the majority of students in the three groups of beginner, intermediate and advanced, sometimes and often.

Table 4: Frequency Distribution of Respondents Based on Demographic Characteristics of Teachers

		Frequency	Percent
Gender	male	16	16.0
	female	84	84.0
Nationality	Iranian	100	100.0
Age	Under 25	37	37.0
	26 to 30	37	37.0
	31 to 35	20	20.0
	36 to 40	6	6.0
	41 years old and above	37	37.0
Mother tongue	Persian	14	14.0
	Turkish	86	86.0
Language teaching	English	100	100.0
Hours of teaching	Lower than 6 hours	33	33.0
	6 to 12 hours	28	28.0
	12 to 18 hours	14	14.0
	Over 18 hours	25	25.0

The results showed that the majority of teachers are 84% female and 16% male. The nationality of all teachers was Iranian. The majority of teachers were under 25 years old, 26 to 30 years old, 41 years old and older. The mother tongue of the majority of teachers (86%) was Turkish. All teachers taught English, and the majority of teachers were 33% less than 6 hours and 28% 6 to 12 years old.

Table 5: Frequency Distribution of Respondents Based on Teachers' Teaching

		Frequency	Percent
Elementary	NO	38	38.0
	YES	62	62.0
Before high school	NO	61	61.0
	YES	39	39.0
High school	NO	16	16.0
	YES	84	84.0
After high school	NO	16	16.0
	YES	84	84.0
Advanced	NO	65	65.0
	YES	35	35.0
Skilled	NO	83	83.0
	YES	17	17.0
Elementary	YES	100	100.0
Secondary school	NO	91	91.0
	YES	9	9.0
High school	NO	96	96.0
	YES	4	4.0
University	NO	96	96.0
	YES	4	4.0
Private language academy	NO	7	7.0
	YES	93	93.0
Others	NO	86	86.0
	YES	14	14.0
Under 6 years old	NO	86	86.0
	YES	14	14.0
6 to 12 years old	NO	46	46.0
	YES	54	54.0
12 to 18 years old	NO	53	53.0
	YES	47	47.0
Adults	NO	57	57.0
	YES	43	43.0

The results of Table -5 showed that the majority of teachers in their teaching had taught after high school (84%), high school (84%) and elementary (62%). The majority taught in primary schools (100%) and language academies (93%) and the majority of these teachers taught for the age groups of 6 to 12 years (54%), 12 to 18 years (47%) and adults (43%).

Question 1: What are the concepts of EFL Iranian teachers and language learners about oral CF and how much does it correspond to them?

Table 6: Comparison of the Concepts of Iranian EFL Teachers and Language Learners about Oral CF

				Bad	Not very good	Quite good	Very good	Sig Chi square
No, not watch, watched	group	teacher	Count	32	59	9	0	0.001
			percent	32.0%	59.0%	9.0%	0.0%	
	student	Count	52	77	118	53		
		percent	17.3%	25.7%	39.3%	17.7%		
Oh, you watched a film. Which one?	group	teacher	Count	13	14	27	46	0.021
			percent	13.0%	14.0%	27.0%	46.0%	
	student	Count	17	37	122	124		
		percent	5.7%	12.3%	40.7%	41.3%		
watched	group	teacher	Count	55	27	18	0	0.001
			percent	55.0%	27.0%	18.0%	0.0%	
	student	Count	82	64	97	57		
		percent	27.3%	21.3%	32.3%	19.0%		
I'm sorry?! Pardon?	group	teacher	Count	17	34	41	8	0.037
			percent	17.0%	34.0%	41.0%	8.0%	
	student	Count	54	80	106	60		
		percent	18.0%	26.7%	35.3%	20.0%		
You need to use the past tense	group	teacher	Count	24	32	35	9	0.001
			percent	24.0%	32.0%	35.0%	9.0%	
	student	Count	31	106	92	71		
		percent	10.3%	35.3%	30.7%	23.7%		
Last weekend I ...?	group	teacher	Count	0	7	34	59	0.001
			percent	0.0%	7.0%	34.0%	59.0%	
	student	Count	36	77	66	121		
		percent	12.0%	25.7%	22.0%	40.3%		
I WATCH a film?!	group	teacher	Count	14	29	16	41	0.001
			percent	14.0%	29.0%	16.0%	41.0%	
	student	Count	69	72	75	84		
		percent	23.0%	24.0%	25.0%	28.0%		

The results were shown in Table 6

Through Chi-square test, the opinions of the two groups were significantly different (sig <0.05).

Question 2: What kind of corrective feedback do Iranian EFL learners at different skill levels prefer?

Table 7: Comparison of Students' Opinions at Different Levels of Teacher Correction Methods by the Teacher

				Different levels of teacher correction			
				low	medium	advanced	Sig Chi square
Grammatical	group	beginner	Count	70	22	8	0.038
			percent	70.0%	22.0%	8.0%	
		intermediate	Count	73	15	12	
			percent	73.0%	15.0%	12.0%	
		advanced	Count	60	18	22	
			percent	60.0%	18.0%	22.0%	
Lexical	group	beginner	Count	25	53	22	0.001
			percent	25.0%	53.0%	22.0%	
		intermediate	Count	35	50	15	
			percent	35.0%	50.0%	15.0%	
		advanced	Count	55	38	7	
			percent	55.0%	38.0%	7.0%	
Pronunciation	group	beginner	Count	68	0	32	0.001
			percent	68.0%	0.0%	32.0%	
		intermediate	Count	59	20	21	
			percent	59.0%	20.0%	21.0%	
		advanced	Count	41	47	12	
			percent	41.0%	47.0%	12.0%	

Table 7 showed the results:

Regarding the teacher's remark about the grammatical errors of the majority of students at the beginner level, low option (70%) and medium option (22%), at the intermediate level, low option (70%) and medium option (15%), at the advanced level, option Low (60%) and high option (22%) were selected that there was a significant difference between the three groups through chi-square test (sig <0.05).

Regarding the teacher's remark about the lexical errors of the majority of students at the beginner level, the middle option (53%) and the low option (22 25), at the intermediate level, the middle option (50%) and the low option (35%), at the advanced level, the option Low (55%) and medium option (38%) were selected that there was a significant difference between the three groups through chi-square test (sig <0.05).

Regarding the teacher's remark about the pronunciation mistakes of the majority of students at the beginner level, low option (68%) and high option (32%), at the intermediate level, low option (59%) and medium option (20%), at the advanced level, option Low (41%) and medium option (47%) were selected that there was a significant difference between the three groups through chi-square test (sig <0.05).

Table -8: Comparison of students' Opinions at Different Levels about Different Methods of Student Error Correction by the Teacher

				Bad	Not very good	Quite good	Very good	Sig Chi square
No, not watch, watched	group	beginner	Count	8	11	53	28	0.001
			percent	8.0%	11.0%	53.0%	28.0%	
		intermediate	Count	4	26	40	30	
			percent	4.0%	26.0%	40.0%	30.0%	
		advanced	Count	14	33	45	8	
			percent	14.0%	33.0%	45.0%	8.0%	
Oh, you watched a film. Which one?	group	beginner	Count	0	0	33	67	0.001
			percent	0.0%	0.0%	33.0%	67.0%	
		intermediate	Count	0	8	42	50	
			percent	0.0%	8.0%	42.0%	50.0%	
		advanced	Count	0	10	66	24	
			percent	0.0%	10.0%	66.0%	24.0%	

watched	group	beginner	Count	21	18	35	26	0.009
			percent	21.0%	18.0%	35.0%	26.0%	
		intermediate	Count	15	14	39	32	
			percent	15.0%	14.0%	39.0%	32.0%	
		advanced	Count	14	18	56	12	
			percent	14.0%	18.0%	56.0%	12.0%	
I'm sorry?/ Pardon?	group	beginner	Count	13	30	20	37	0.237
			percent	13.0%	30.0%	20.0%	37.0%	
		beginner	Count	11	34	16	39	
			percent	11.0%	34.0%	16.0%	39.0%	
		advanced	Count	12	40	7	41	
			percent	12.0%	40.0%	7.0%	41.0%	
You need to use the past tense	group	beginner	Count	0	0	32	68	0.073
			percent	0.0%	0.0%	32.0%	68.0%	
		intermediate	Count	0	0	27	73	
			percent	0.0%	0.0%	27.0%	73.0%	
		advanced	Count	0	0	42	58	
			percent	0.0%	0.0%	42.0%	58.0%	
Last weekend I ...?	group	beginner	Count	0	0	30	70	0.001
			percent	0.0%	0.0%	30.0%	70.0%	
		intermediate	Count	6	15	22	57	
			percent	6.0%	15.0%	22.0%	57.0%	
		advanced	Count	18	30	22	30	
			percent	18.0%	30.0%	22.0%	30.0%	
I WATCH a film?!	group	beginner	Count	13	20	22	45	0.001
			percent	13.0%	20.0%	22.0%	45.0%	
		intermediate	Count	11	28	19	42	
			percent	11.0%	28.0%	19.0%	42.0%	
		advanced	Count	26	22	40	12	
			percent	26.0%	22.0%	40.0%	12.0%	

The results through Chi-square test showed that:

The results of Chi-square test showed a significant difference in the opinions of students of these three levels, compared to this variable, which was statistically significant (sig <0.05).

Question 3: What is the preference of Iranian EFL teachers over different types of CF?

Table -9: Comparison of Teachers' Opinions on Different Methods of Correcting Student Error

		Not effective	It depends	Quite effective	Very effective
No, not watch, watched	Count	32	59	9	0
	percent	32.0	59.0	9.0	0.0
Oh, you watched a film. Which one?	Count	13	14	27	46
	percent	13.0	14.0	27.0	46.0
watched	Count	54	27	19	0
	percent	54.0	27.0	19.0	0.0
I'm sorry?/ Pardon?	Count	17	34	41	8
	percent	17.0	34.0	41.0	8.0
You need to use the past tense.	Count	24	32	35	0
	percent	24.0	32.0	35.0	9.0
Last weekend I ...? (pausing, with rising intonation)	Count	0	7	34	59
	percent	0.0	7.0	34.0	59.0
I WATCH a film? (stressing the mistake, with rising intonation)	Count	14	29	16	41
	percent	14.0	29.0	16.0	41.0

In reviewing teachers' comments on corrective feedback, the results of Table -7 showed:

- Regarding the variable "No, not watch, watched", most chose the It depends option (59.0%).

- In the variable "Oh, you watched a film. Which one? " Most teachers chose Quite effective (27%) and Very effective (46%).
- In the "watched" variable, most teachers chose the "Not effective" options (54%).
- In the variable "I'm sorry? / Pardon?" Most teachers chose Quite effective (41%) and It depends (34.0%).
- In the variable "You need to use the past tense" most teachers chose the options Quite effective (35%) and It depends (32.0%).
- In the variable «Last weekend I...? (pausing, with rising intonation) »Most teachers chose Quite effective (34%) and Very effective (59.0%).
- In the variable "I WATCH a film? (stressing the mistake, with rising intonation)) Most teachers chose Very effective options (41.0%).

Table -10: Comparison of Teachers 'Opinions about Corrective Feedback in Correcting Students' Mistakes

		Never	It depends	Sometimes	Usually
when they make a grammar mistake	Count	8	21	37	34
	percent	8.0	21.0	37.0	34.0
when they make a pronunciation mistake	Count	0	20	28	52
	percent	0.0	20.0	28.0	52.0
when they make a vocabulary mistake	Count	0	21	52	27
	percent	0.0	21.0	52.0	27.0
when they make mistakes against a structure we have just studied	Count	0	15	21	64
	percent	0.0	15.0	21.0	64.0
when they make mistakes against something I think they should know	Count	6	39	20	35
	percent	6.0	39.0	20.0	35.0
when the mistake makes the student's message difficult to understand	Count	2	29	33	36
	percent	2.0	29.0	33.0	36.0

Examining the time of teacher correction feedback on verbal errors, the results of Table -10 showed that:

- In the variable "when they make a grammar mistake" most teachers chose the options Sometimes (37%) and Usually (34.0%).
- In the variable "when they make a pronunciation mistake" most teachers chose the Usually option (52.0%).
- In the variable "when they make mistakes against a structure we have just studied" most teachers chose the Usually option (64.0%).
- In the variable "when they make mistakes against something I think they should know" most teachers chose the options Usually (35.0%) and It depends (39%).

In the variable "when the mistake makes the student's message difficult to understand", most teachers chose the Usually (36.0%) and Sometimes (33%) options.

Table -11: Comparison of Teachers' Opinions on Corrective Feedback Methods when Speaking

		No feedback	Only if the message is not clear	Immediate feedback	Feedback after the activity	It depends
1. A student expresses his/her opinion during a class discussion	Count	26	20	10	38	6
	percent	26.0	20.0	10.0	38.0	6.0
2. Students are discussing a topic in pairs or small groups	Count	31	38	15	13	3
	percent	31.0	38.0	15.0	13.0	3.0
3. A student asks you a question in front of the whole class	Count	32	24	24	14	6
	percent	32.0	24.0	24.0	14.0	6.0
4. A student answers a question about a text you are discussing as a class	Count	23	21	44	3	9
	percent	23.0	21.0	44.0	3.0	9.0
A student gives the answer to a grammar exercise you are correcting and makes a pronunciation mistake	Count	30	13	45	9	3
	percent	30.0	13.0	45.0	9.0	3.0
6. A student reads a text aloud and makes a pronunciation mistake.	Count	10	28	47	6	9
	percent	10.0	28.0	47.0	6.0	9.0
7. You are playing a language game to practice the present perfect and a student makes a mistake against a different grammar item.	Count	34	17	26	10	13
	percent	34.0	17.0	26.0	10.0	13.0

• In the variable "A student expresses his / her opinion during a class discussion" most teachers chose the options Feedback after the activity (38.0%) and No feedback (26%).

In the "students are discussing a topic in pairs or small groups" variable, most teachers chose the Only if the message is not clear (38%) and No feedback (31%) options.

• In the variable "A student asks you a question in front of the whole class" most teachers chose the options Only if the message is not clear (32%) and No feedback and Immediate feedback (24%).

• In the variable "A student answers a question about a text you are discussing as a class" most teachers chose the Immediate feedback option (44%).

• In the variable "A student gives the answer to a grammar exercise you are correcting and makes a pronunciation mistake" most teachers chose the Immediate feedback option (45%).

• In the variable "A student reads a text aloud and makes a pronunciation mistake." Most teachers chose the Immediate feedback option (47%).

• In the variable "You are playing a language game to practice the present perfect and a student makes a mistake against a different grammar item." Most teachers chose the No feedback option (34%).

Table -12: Comparison of Teachers' Opinions about the amount of Corrective Feedback to Students

		Not important	It depends	important	Very important
1. students' level	Count	3	31	66	0
	percent	3.0	31.0	66.0	0.0
2. students' personality	Count	3	13	12	72
	percent	3.0	13.0	12.0	72.0
3. The number of students in the group	Count	23	29	39	9
	percent	23.0	29.0	39.0	9.0
4. the programmer or course book you have to follow	Count	16	31	30	23
	percent	16.0	31.0	3.0	23.0
5. time constraints	Count	9	40	32	19
	percent	9.0	40.0	32.0	19.0
6. type of activity	Count	3	18	47	32
	percent	3.0	18.0	47.0	32.0

- In the "students' level" variable. Most teachers chose the important option (66%).
- In the "students' personality" variable. Most teachers chose the important option (39%).
- In the variable "The number of students in the group." Most teachers chose the important option (39%) and It depends (29%).
- In the variable "the programmer or course book you have to follow." Most teachers chose the important option (30%) and It depends (31%).
- In the variable "time constraints." Most teachers chose important (32%) and It depends (40%).
- In the variable "type of activity." Most teachers chose important (32%) and Very important (47%).

Table -13: Compare Teachers' Views on the Importance of the Following at the Time of Feedback

		Not important	It depends	important	Very important
1. students' level	Count	6	5	30	39
	percent	6.0	5.0	30.0	39.0
2. students' personality	Count	6	12	23	59
	percent	6.0	12.0	23.0	59.0
3. The number of students in the group	Count	25	32	33	10
	percent	25.0	32.0	33.0	10.0
4. the programmer or course book you have to follow	Count	18	22	49	11
	percent	18.0	22.0	49.0	11.0
5.time constraints	Count	14	35	34	17
	percent	14.0	35.0	34.0	17.0
6.type of activity	Count	0	24	49	27
	percent	0.0	24.0	49.0	27.0

- In the "students' level" variable. Most teachers chose the important (30%) and Very important (39%) options.
- In the "students' personality" variable. Most teachers chose the important option Very (59%).
- In the variable "The number of students in the group." Most teachers chose the important option (33%) and It depends (32%).
- In the variable "the programmer or course book you have to follow." Most teachers chose the important option (49%).
- In the variable "time constraints." Most teachers chose important (34%) and It depends (35%).
- In the variable "type of activity." Most teachers chose important (49%) and Very important (27%).

Question 4: What are the emotional responses of Iranian EFL learners to oral CF?

Table -14: Comparison of Emotional and Emotional Responses of Iranian EFL Learners to Oral CF

				Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often		Sig Chi square
I'm happy.	group	level1	Count	13	19	0	68		0.001
			percent	13.0%	19.0%	0.0%	68.0%		
		Level2	Count	18	17	13	52		
			percent	18.0%	17.0%	13.0%	52.0%		
I'm frustrated.	group	Level 1	Count	50	33	17	0		0.001
			percent	50.0%	33.0%	17.0%	0.0%		
		Level 2	Count	35	31	34	0		
			percent	35.0%	31.0%	34.0%	0.0%		
I'm embarrassed.	group	Level 1	Count	51	36	0	13		0.001
			percent	51.0%	36.0%	0.0%	13.0%		
		Level 2	Count	46	21	22	11		
			percent	46.0%	21.0%	22.0%	11.0%		
I'm grateful	group	Level 1	Count	20	40	40	0		0.001
			percent	20.0%	40.0%	40.0%	0.0%		
		Level 2	Count	8	42	50	8		
			percent	8.0%	42.0%	50.0%	8.0%		
I freeze up.	group	Level 1	Count	18	41	41	18		0.005
			percent	18.0%	41.0%	41.0%	18.0%		
		Level 2	Count	43	30	27	43		
			percent	43.0%	30.0%	27.0%	43.0%		
I feel bad because I speak English very Badly.	group	level1	Count	33	23	20	24		0.001
			percent	33.0%	23.0%	20.0%	24.0%		
		level2	Count	18	23	28	31		
			percent	18.0%	23.0%	28.0%	31.0%		
I think I'm going to speak less English in class in the future	group	Level 1	Count	14	42	19	25		0.001
			percent	14.0%	42.0%	19.0%	25.0%		
		Level 2	Count	51	17	19	13		
			percent	51.0%	17.0%	19.0%	13.0%		
I think I'm going to speak less English in class in the future	group	level2	Count	46	19	24	11		0.001
			percent	46.0%	19.0%	24.0%	11.0%		
		Level 2	Count	34	52	14	0		
			percent	34.0%	52.0%	14.0%	0.0%		
I think I'm going to speak less English in class in the future	group	Level 1	Count	51	16	33	0		0.001
			percent	51.0%	16.0%	33.0%	0.0%		
		Level 2	Count	39	15	39	7		
			percent	39.0%	15.0%	39.0%	7.0%		
I think I'm going to speak less English in class in the future	group	Level 2	Count	27	36	32	5		0.001
			percent	27.0%	36.0%	32.0%	5.0%		

The results of Chi-square test also showed a significant difference in the opinions of students of these three levels towards this variable, which was statistically significant (sig <0.05).

- In the variable "I think I'm going to speak less English in class in the future", the majority of students in the beginner level had chosen "never" and in the intermediate level had chosen "never" and "often" options. Advanced students mostly chose the "rarely" and "sometimes" options. The results of Chi-square test also showed a significant difference in the opinions of students of these three levels towards this variable, which was statistically significant (sig <0.05).

Question 5 - What are the possible reasons for preferring EFL teachers and language learners for different types of oral CF (Question 4 of the Student Questionnaire)?

Table -15: The Extent of Students' Willingness to Correct Mistakes by the Teacher

				YES	NO		Sig Chi square
Students' Willingness to Correct Mistakes by the Teacher	group	Beginner	Count	100	0		0.015
			percent	100.0%	0.0%		
		Intermediate	Count	92	8		
			percent	92.0%	8.0%		
		Advanced	Count	92	8		
			percent	92.0%	8.0%		

In Table -15, the results showed that the willingness of students to correct mistakes by the teacher in beginner (100%), intermediate (92%) and advanced (92%) is a yes option, but the Chi-square test Showed (sig <0.05) that there was a significant difference between the two groups.

4. Discussion

In this study by the researcher, two types of questionnaires were used for both teachers and learners and based on the questions of the questionnaires; the results of them showed that both teachers and learners had different views on different types of oral corrective feedback . On the other hand, an exact review on the questionnaires showed that some studies were in line and some studies were different from our findings.

In this regard, the findings of the study could be in line and in the correspondence with the conducted study by Azar and Molavi, (2013) in answering to the second and third research questions that showed that EFL learners had strongly positive attitudes toward correction of all types of errors by their teachers which could be in correspondence with the results of our study and could confirm the results of our findings in some parts of our designed questionnaire. Mackey et al. (2007) findings showed that, only 36% of the CF was perceived in the way that teachers had planned which could be in the correspondence with the results of our study.

Furthermore, the results of this study showed that generally the learners preferred to receive error correction by their teachers at the different levels of their learning which was in line and in the agreement with the results of Eslami and Derakhshan(2020) study on CF that regarded corrective feedback advantageous and practical in learning.

Like the previous mentioned studies, the study results of Shirkhani and Tajeddin (2017) on (EFL) teachers' perceptions of corrective feedback demonstrated that the teachers had positive attitudes and different attitudes toward corrective feedback which was in response to research questions 1 and 3 of our study and all in all the results was in line and in correspondence with our conducted study.

Like our conducted study, the results of this study was in correspondence with our study which showed a significant difference in the opinions of students of these three levels towards the mentioned variables in the questionnaires, which was statistically significant (sig <0.05).

On the other hand, in response to the research questions of 3 and 4, the findings of our study could not be in line with the study of Moslemi and Dastgoshadeh (2017) results showed that there was a strong relationship between learners' cognitive styles and their preferences for a particular type of written corrective feedback. The results of our findings in chapter 4 of this thesis showed that there was no significant relationship between cognitive styles and learners' preferences which was not in correspondence with our conducted study. The results of Nassaji (2009) study showed that there was a strong relationship between learners' cognitive styles and their preferences for a particular type of written corrective feedback and for different types of errors which were corrected; but there was no significant relationship between cognitive styles and learners' preferences for frequencies of written corrective feedback that was not in

correspondence with the results of our study for the research questions 1 and 5. Furthermore, the study by Omidpour and Bavali (2017) results showed that there was a positive relationship between normative identity processing style and frequency of oral corrective feedback techniques used by the teachers that was not in correspondence with the results of our study about research question 3.

The findings of the research questions 1 and 3 were not also in correspondence with the results of Karimi and Asadnia (2015) study. The results demonstrated that the teachers did not make any difference in their focus on morph-syntactic, phonological, and lexical errors at both levels and in some areas there was a type mismatch in teachers' sensitivity to students' errors, their usage of different CF strategies, use of explicit and implicit CF, usage of immediate and delayed CF, correction of global and local errors, focus on different linguistic targets, and reliance on self, peer, and teacher correction that was not considered in correspondence with the results of our study about research questions 2 and 1.

Conclusion

The present study was conducted to investigate Iranian EFL Teachers' and Learners' Conceptions and Preferences for Different Types of Oral Corrective Feedback. There were five research questions in the conducted thesis by the researcher and the results of the study showed that there were significant differences between Iranian EFL Teachers' and Learners' Conceptions and Preferences for Different Types of Oral Corrective Feedback. Based on the conducted analysis, the following results were observed for each of the research questions that were stated respectively in chapter 4 of the thesis. In all analyses of the questions related to the thesis, the results of Chi-square test showed a significant difference in the opinions of students of these three levels towards the mentioned variables in the questionnaires, which was statistically significant (sig <0.05).

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