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Abstract : Situated in the southwest of China on the upper Yangtse River, Chongqing city is adjacent to the Hubei, Hunan, Guizhou, Sichuan and Shanxi provinces. Besides, it is the only municipality in the west. Its local dialect, Chongqing Hua belongs to the northern linguistic system of the country. Prof. *Rong Lee* classified it as southwestern mandarin in his work, *Classification of Chinese*. As an economic and cultural hub, Chongqing dialect(Chongqing Hua) plays an important role in the southwestern mandarin Chinese. Apart from the traits of southwestern mandarin, Chongqing dialect exhibits a distinct local character. For a long period, however, the studies pertaining to it are still in sparsity. Since the advent of a series of significant events like Western Development and Three Gorges Project, Chongqing is becoming more and more influential because of its changing political and economic status. Accordingly, the study of Chongqing Hua appears to be urgently necessary. This paper aims to propose an extensive evaluation focusing on the new words and the unique expressions of Chongqing Hua, we call it Chongqing Yanzi. The collection, usage, analysis and peculiarities of the humor Chongqing Yanzi were the most fascinating part of this paper. Also, by virtue of full angle and multi layer technique, representative traits and rules are summarized from the vocabulary of Chongqing dialect. The objective of this research is to supply abundant intelligible materials to linguistic programs-- Chinese language and its history, migration and dialect, local cultures and dialect, and the relation between Mandarin and dialect.

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