Teaching Thinking Project Language Survey

Instruction: This survey is to find out students’ spoken language background. There are no correct or incorrect answers. Whatever has happened to you or is true for you is the “right” answer. You should base your answer to each question on your experiences and please try to answer each question. If you need more space to write down your answer you may use the back of the question sheets. Write down the question numbers to indicate which question you are answering if you need to do this.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

SSN: (last four digits only) _____________ Date of Birth: _______________

Gender: ___ Male ___ Female

Which culture/ethnic group would you use to describe yourself? ___________________

1. Where were you born? ________________________________________________
2. If you were not born in the U.S.A., at what age did you come to the U.S.A.? ____
3. a) How long have you been in the U.S.A.? ______________________________
    b) Do you travel outside of the U.S.A. to your native country? ___ yes ___ no
    How often? ______________________
4. What languages do you speak now? ___________________________________
5. What language did you first learn to speak? _____________________________
6. What language do you think of as your “native” language? __________________
7. At what age did you begin speaking English? ____________________________
8. How did you learn English before coming to the U.S.A.? Where (school, home)?
   _____________________________________________________________________
9. How many years have you spoken English? _______________________________
10. Did you usually live in a predominantly English speaking neighborhood when you entered the U.S.A.? ___ yes ___ no
11. If you answered NO above, what language was spoken there? _______________
12. What is your parents’ first language?
   Mother ______________________
   Father ______________________

13. What language do they primarily use now?
   Mother ______________________
   Father ______________________

14. Did you usually talk to your parents in English while you were growing up?  
   ___ yes ___ no
   Do you now? ___ yes ___ no

15. During a weekday, what percentage of time do you speak to your parents in English? 
   About __________ percent of the time during the week.

16. During a weekend, what percentage of time do you talk to your parents in English? 
   About __________ percent of the time during the weekend.

17. Did your parents learn to speak English before entering the U.S.A.?  
   ___ yes ___ no

18. Have your parents ever attended an English class after they came to the U.S.A.?  
   ___ yes ___ no

   NOTE: If you are an only child, skip to the question 22.

19. When you talk to your siblings, what percentage of time do you speak to them in English during a weekday? 
   About __________ percent of the time during a weekday

20. When you talk to your siblings, what percentage of time do you speak to them in English, during a weekend?  
   About __________ percent of the time during the weekend

21. Do you always speak English to friends who are from the same country as you are from?  
   If you answered “no,” what language do you speak? __________________________

22. During a weekday, what percentage of time do you speak English to your friends at school? 
   About __________ percent of the time during an average school day
23. During a weekend, what percentage of time do you speak English to your friends at school?  
   About _________ percent of the time during a weekend

24. During a weekday, what percentage of time do you speak English to your friends outside of school?  
   About _________ percent of the time during a weekday

25. During a weekend, what percentage of time do you speak English to your friends outside of school?  
   About _________ percent of the time during the weekend

26. Do you usually speak English with your neighbors? ___ yes ___ no  
   If no, what language do you speak with them? ___________________________

27. Overall, about what percentage of time do you speak English per day?  
   About __________ percent of the time each day

28. In general, in what situations do you think you are most likely to speak your native language? (Be sure to check all that apply to you.)  
   ___ school/with friends ___ school with teachers/administrators  
   ___ school with students who are not my friends ___ on a date ___ on other social occasions ___ talking to my parents  
   ___ at work ___ hanging out ___ other: ____________
   List other situations here: ____________________________________________

29. During a weekday, what percentage of time do you use your native language?  
   About _________ percent of the time during a weekday

30. During a weekend, what percentage of time do you use your native language?  
   About _________ percent of the time during a weekend

31. Do you feel more comfortable speaking your native language or English?  
   ___ My native language ___ English  
   Why? Explain and discuss the situations in which you are most comfortable speaking your native language and those in which you are most comfortable speaking Standard English.

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32. Do you dream? If so, and there is talking, what language is spoken in these dreams? Describe details: ___________________________________________________________

33. In what language do you find it easiest to think about academic work, social problems, and emotional problems? Answer below:
   Academic Work _______________________
   Social Problems ______________________
   Emotional Problems____________________

34. If you had to choose one language system to use which would you choose:
   ___ English only
   ___ English and my native language or other language that I use