

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? _____

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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

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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