

Sociolinguistic questionnaire – Control group speakers

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1. What is your date of birth?

2. Are you:

Male Female

3. Where were you born?

Village/town:.....

Country:.....

4. What variety of English do you speak?

RP
 Standard American
 A dialect, namely:.....

5. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Primary school
 Secondary school, level:.....
 Higher education, namely:.....
 University, degree:.....
 postgraduate, degree:.....

6. Apart from the UK, have you ever lived in another country for a longer period of time
(i.e. more than 6 months)?

No
 Yes, namely in.....for the duration of.....

7. What language(s) did you acquire before going to school?

Only English
 (an)other language(s) as well, namely:.....

8. Did you attend any foreign language classes at school?

No
 Yes, for the duration of (number of years):.....

9. What language or languages did you learn professionally or at school?

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10. What language or languages did you learn outside of an educational environment (so outside of school or work), if any?

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11. What is your current profession? If you are retired, could you please indicate your last profession before retirement?

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12. If you have had several professions, could you indicate each one of them in chronological order?

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13. In general, how would you rate your foreign language proficiency at present?

Very good

Good

Ok

Fairly poor

Very poor

14. Do you think it is important to have a good command of a foreign language, for example to engage in a discussion or to write formal letters?

Very important

Important

No opinion

Unimportant

Very unimportant

15. How important do you think it is to have a good command of English?

Very unimportant

Unimportant

No opinion

Important

Very important

16. Do you have any children?

No Yes, how many and how old

17. Do you think it is important that your children have a good command of English?

- Very unimportant
- Unimportant
- No opinion
- Important
- Very important

18. Do you ever correct your children's English?

- No, never
- Yes, sometimes
- Yes, often

19. Do you think it is important that your children have a good command of a foreign language?

- Very important
- Important
- No opinion
- Unimportant
- Very unimportant

22. Do you sometimes feel that English is encroaching itself more and more upon other languages?

- No
- Yes, I have the following opinion about it:
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23. What is your current marital status?

- Married
- Separated/divorced
- Widow/widower
- Living together unmarried
- Single

24. What language(s) does/did you (ex)partner speak?

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25. Do you think the English language is an important part of your identity?

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26. Do you ever read books or magazines in a foreign language?

Yes, how often? No

27. Do you ever watch movies, videos or news in a foreign language?

Yes, how often? No

28. Do you ever listen to music in a foreign language?

Yes, how often? No

29. Could you please say why/why not?

30. Do you ever feel uncomfortable when speaking English to a learner of English (for example, when a tourist asks you for directions)?

No, never

Yes, sometimes

31. Do you know people in your own environment who have more or less recently emigrated to a non-English-speaking country?

No Yes

32. Do you have an opinion about English/American emigrants who have moved to a non-English-speaking country and who now speak with a heavy accent when they revisit the UK/USA?

That annoys me

No opinion

It does not bother me

33. Have you ever considered emigrating yourself? If you have, what were your reasons not to do it in the end?

No, I never thought about it

Yes, but I haven't done it, because