

Questions

MULTILINGUAL EXPERIENCES

(Questions for students to use during the interview.)

1. Which language or languages do you speak?
2. Where and how did you learn your language or languages - e.g. at home, at school, at work, with friends?
3. Where do you consider yourself to be from? Do you think that where you're from is a multilingual or monolingual environment? Why do you think this?
3. How do you feel about speaking more than one language, or if you only speak one language, how do you feel about only speaking one language? For example, you might feel proud of having learned a particular language, or you might only want to use one language in particular circumstances for various reasons.
4. Are there different emotions and experiences you associate with the different languages you speak? If so, could you explain what they are?
5. Do you think that the language environment where you're from has shaped how you think about language(s)? For example, you might only speak a particular language in an academic environment, which might have shaped how you think about that language.
6. If you had to tell someone to learn any language, who didn't speak any language at all (let's say they came from outer space!), which language would it be, and why?
7. If you could learn any language in the world, which you don't already know, which language would it be, and why?
8. How do you feel your life would be different if you spoke other languages, or didn't speak some of the languages you do speak?
9. Have you ever experienced any advantages to speaking more than one language, or, if you only speak English, to speaking English? What were they?
10. Have you ever experienced any disadvantages to speaking more than one language, or, if you only speak English, to speaking English? What were they?
11. Do you ever discuss being monolingual or multilingual with your family? How does your family feel about being monolingual or multilingual? Do you agree with them?
12. Do you ever discuss being monolingual or multilingual with your friends? How do your friends feel about being monolingual or multilingual? Do you agree with them?
13. Have you ever experience a surprising or notable situation, which you think largely occurred as a result of someone having spoken more than one language? If so, could you describe that experience?
14. Why did you enrol in the module Bilingualism LIN6018? Was there something you wanted to learn in particular? Why did you want to learn more about that?
15. Is there anything else you'd like to add to this interview?