

Language History Questionnaire

Sbj:

Date:

Below are questions about your education, profession, and language use. Please answer these questions as completely as possible.

Background:

Age:

Sex:

What is your level of education (high school, university degree):

What is your profession (e.g., student, lawyer):

Were you born in the Netherlands? Yes No

If yes:

Have you lived in the Netherlands since birth? Yes No

If no, where else have you lived?

If no:

How old were you when you came to the Netherlands?

How long have you been living in the Netherlands?

Have you returned to the country of your birth for longer than 6 months (if yes, how long)? Yes No

Language History:

What is your native language?

Please list any other languages that you know below. For each, rate how well you can use the language on the following scale:

Not Good 1 2 3 4 5 Very Good

Language	Speaking	Listening	Writing	Reading	Grammar	Pronunciation
1						
2						
3						
4						

For the languages you listed, please indicate below the place and age at which you learned them, and if applicable, whether you learned them by formal

lessons (e.g., at school or a course), or by informal learning (e.g., at home, at work, from friends).

Language	Country	Age	Lessons (yes/no)	Duration of lessons	Informal (yes/no)	Duration of informal learning
1						
2						
3						
4						

For the languages you listed, rate how well you agree with the following statements using the scale:

Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Agree

Language	I like to speak this language	I feel confident using this language	I think it is important to be good at this language
1			
2			
3			
4			

For the languages you listed, which do you use with the following people, for how many hours per day, on what kind of topic and in which place (home, work, etc):

	Language	Hours per day	Topic	Place
Mother				
Father				
Older brother/sister				
Younger brother/sister				
Children				
Other family members				
Housemates				
Partner				
Friends				
Colleagues				

For the languages you listed, which to you use for the following activities and for how many hours per day?

Activity	Language	Hours per day
Reading		
Watching TV		
Listening to the radio		
Email, internet		

In general, how well do you *like* to learn new languages?

Dislike 1 2 3 4 5 Like

In general, how *easy* do you find learning new languages?

Difficult 1 2 3 4 5 Easy

If you have any other remarks about your language history that you think may be important for your ability to use these languages, please feel free to write them here: