



# UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Department of Linguistics

– To be filled out by the experimenter –

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Participant number (ddd) \_\_\_\_\_ (participant code = “polym” + number)

Experimenter \_\_\_\_\_

## LANGUAGE AND DEMOGRAPHIC BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

Below are questions about your education, demographics, and language use.

Please answer these questions as completely as possible.

### **Participant Details** (\*required fields)

\*Q1) Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY):

\*Q2) Gender:

☐ Male      ☐ Female      ☐ Other

\*Q3) Birthplace (e.g., *Cambridge, England, United Kingdom*):

### **Demographic Background** (\*required fields)

\*Q4) Were you born in the United Kingdom?

☐ Yes (go to Q4a)

☐ No (go to Q4b)

Q4a) *If yes, have you lived in the United Kingdom since birth?*

☐ Yes (go to Q5)

☐ No (go to Q4e)

Q4b) *If no, how old were you when you came to the United Kingdom?*

Q4c) *If no, have you returned to your country of birth in the last 3 months?*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Q4d) *If yes, when and for how long?*

Q4e) *In which other countries have you lived?*

Q4f) *How long have you lived in each of these countries?*

\*Q5) Where are you currently living? (e.g., *Cambridge, England, United Kingdom*):

**Educational Background** (\* required fields)

\*Q6) What is the highest level of education you have completed?  
(e.g., *Secondary school, A-level, Undergraduate degree, Graduate degree, PhD*):

\*Q7) Are you currently a university student?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

Q7a) *If yes, please specify the year of study, field, degree level and university*

\*Q8) Have you ever been diagnosed with a reading or writing disorder? (e.g., dyslexia)

- ☐ Yes, namely \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ No

\*Q9) With which hand do you:

- |                  |                               |                                |  |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Paint            | <input type="checkbox"/> left | <input type="checkbox"/> right | <input type="checkbox"/> both left and right |
| Cut bread        | <input type="checkbox"/> left | <input type="checkbox"/> right | <input type="checkbox"/> both left and right |
| Throw a ball     | <input type="checkbox"/> left | <input type="checkbox"/> right | <input type="checkbox"/> both left and right |
| Brush your teeth | <input type="checkbox"/> left | <input type="checkbox"/> right | <input type="checkbox"/> both left and right |
| Write            | <input type="checkbox"/> left | <input type="checkbox"/> right | <input type="checkbox"/> both left and right |

**Language Background** (\*required fields)

\*Q10) Is English your first language (i.e., the language you first learned to speak from birth)?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

Q10a) *If no, please specify your first language:*

\*Q11) Are there other languages or dialects (specific kind of languages spoken by a defined group or region) you learned to speak from birth?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

Q11a) *If yes, please specify which one(s):*

\*Q12) Were there other languages spoken at home when you were growing up?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

Q12a) *If yes, please specify which language(s) they were:*

\*Q13) Please specify how fluent you consider yourself to be in the other language(s) you speak (i.e., apart from your native language) and how often you use them in an average week.

**#1 Name of Language:**

- In this language I would describe myself as:

Not at all fluent <input type="checkbox"/>	A little fluent <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderately Fluent <input type="checkbox"/>	Highly fluent <input type="checkbox"/>
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- In an average week, I speak this language:

Never <input type="checkbox"/>	Infrequently (1-2 times) <input type="checkbox"/>	Frequently (3-5 times) <input type="checkbox"/>	Every day <input type="checkbox"/>
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**#2 Name of Language:**

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- In this language I would describe myself as:

Not at all fluent <input type="checkbox"/>	A little fluent <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderately Fluent <input type="checkbox"/>	Highly fluent <input type="checkbox"/>
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- In an average week, I speak this language:

Never <input type="checkbox"/>	Infrequently (1-2 times) <input type="checkbox"/>	Frequently (3-5 times) <input type="checkbox"/>	Every day <input type="checkbox"/>
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**#3 Name of Language:**

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- In this language I would describe myself as:

Not at all fluent <input type="checkbox"/>	A little fluent <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderately Fluent <input type="checkbox"/>	Highly fluent <input type="checkbox"/>
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- In an average week, I speak this language:

Never <input type="checkbox"/>	Infrequently (1-2 times) <input type="checkbox"/>	Frequently (3-5 times) <input type="checkbox"/>	Every day <input type="checkbox"/>
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- Details on additional languages


\*Q14) Please indicate how strongly you agree with the statements below:

- a. I can recognise the difference between native and non-native speakers of English.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

- b. I always notice the differences between different varieties of English.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

- c. In an increasingly globalized world, it is important to understand both native and non-native speakers of English.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

- d. I feel that speakers from other parts of England would have a problem understanding my accent.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

- e. People's accents do not really matter to me as long as I can understand the communication that takes place.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

- f. If someone speaks an English variety different from my own it doesn't put me off.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

g. Most people from England can communicate in more than one language.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

h. The local news is only available in English in England.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

i. Signs are written in English and at least one other language in England.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

j. It is common in England to mix words in a sentence from different languages when talking.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

k. It is common to mix words from different languages when writing or messaging (e.g. Facebook, WhatsApp).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

l. People from England tend to switch between languages during a conversation.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

m. People from England tend to speak in the same language during a conversation.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

n. It is not often that I am exposed to people speaking languages other than English.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

o. I can only understand conversations in English.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

p. When listening to people speak in a language other than English, I cannot guess what language they are speaking.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

q. In a conversation I may change from one language to another without even thinking about it.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

r. In a conversation I always use the same language throughout.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

- s. When speaking with people I know I often use words from different languages.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

- t. I hardly ever use words from different languages when speaking with people I know.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

### **Reading Habits** (\*required fields)

- \*Q15) How many hours do you spend on social media on average per day?

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	>10
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- \*Q16) The following questions are about your reading habits in English. Both online and printed materials count towards your hours of reading.

- a. How many hours on average per week do you read **educational books or academic material**?

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	>10
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- b. How many hours on average per week do you read **poetry**?

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	>10
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- c. How many hours on average per week do you read **non-fiction** books?

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	>10
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- d. How many hours on average per week do you read **fiction** books?

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	>10
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- e. How many hours on average per week do you read **the news**?

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	>10
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f. How many hours on average per week do you read **magazines**?

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	>10
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g. How many hours on average per week do you read your **email**?

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	>10
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h. How many hours on average per week do you read content on **social media**?

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	>10
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i. How many hours on average per week do you read content on **special interest texts** (e.g. cooking, sports) or other genres?

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	>10
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