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LING 201: Language Myths pretest and posttest

1. How many languages must someone speak to be considered a *linguist*?
2. Are there *primitive* languages? Why or why not?
3. Who has an *accent*? Why?
4. Who speaks a *standard* language? Why?
5. In what ways is *sign language* similar and different from oral language?
6. Is *writing* superior to speech/signing? Why or why not?
7. Are there gender differences in speaking? Why or why not? Does it matter? Why or why not?
8. Does the idea of *one nation, one language* benefit society? How or how not?
9. What is *Spanglish*, and how has it been perceived positively and negatively popularly?
10. What is *Black English*, and how has it been perceived positively and negatively popularly?