

Learner Questionnaire

Questions in ***bold faced italics*** throughout the questionnaire are for non-native speakers of English only

1. Where were you born? _____, _____, _____
city or town state country
2. (If not born in U.S.) How old were you when you came to the USA? _____
3. What was the first language you spoke as a child? _____
3a. (If other than English) ***Do you still speak this language?*** yes / no
4. What is the highest school grade you completed not including adult education? _____
4a. (If left before graduating) Why did you leave school? _____

5. In what town or city, state (country) was that school? _____
6. (If not born in the U.S.) Did you attend school in (native country)? yes / no
7. (If yes to #6) How many years? _____
8. (If yes to #6) In what language were you taught? _____
9. ***Can you read (native language)?*** yes / no
10. ***Can you write (native language)?*** yes / no
11. ***Can you read and write English? yes / no / a little***
11a. How old were you when you learned to read and write English? _____
12. ***Where did you learn to read and write English? (home, school)?*** _____
13. How many schools did you attend as a child? _____
14. Did you ever repeat a grade? yes / no. (If yes) Which grade(s)? _____
15. Do you remember ever having trouble with reading as a child? yes / no
16. (If yes to #15) In which grade did you first have trouble? ____ first grade; ____ second or third grade; ____ fourth or fifth grade; ____ sixth, seventh or eighth grade; ____ high school

17. When you were a child did you ever participate in any of the following programs? If you did, please describe when and where.

___ individual tutoring _____ at home _____ in school _____
___ Chapter I or Title I _____
___ Resource Room _____
___ special classes _____
___ Core evaluation _____
___ Special education _____

18. What made you decide to take adult education classes? _____

19. What do you plan to do after you complete your adult education classes? _____

20. About how many hours a week do you read for pleasure (**in English**)? ___ less than 1;
___ 1-3; ___ 4-6; ___ more than 6.

21. About how many hours a week do you read for pleasure in (native language)?
___ less than 1; ___ 1-3; ___ 4-6; ___ more than 6.

22. What do you find hard about reading? Which of the following problems seem to apply to you when you read?

<u>English</u>	<u>native language</u>
___ I can't read or pronounce the long, hard words.	___
___ I can't understand most of the hard words.	___
___ Sometimes I don't understand what I read.	___
___ I forget a lot of what I read right afterwards.	___
___ I forget a lot of what I read a few days later.	___
___ I read very slowly.	___
___ Other problems? _____	_____
___ Spelling problems?	___