Questionnaire Adults, English.
ESRC Project on Bilinguals and Cognition
and
ESRC Project on Acquisition of Welsh

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Bils and Cognition:


Acquisition of Welsh:


Linguistic Background Questionnaire. Adults

Your Name: ____________________________________

Your Age: Under 30  31 to 50  51+

Your place of Birth: ___________________________

Have you always resided in North Wales?   YES _____    NO _____

If you were born outside of North Wales, or spent some time living in another area, where did you live, and at what age did you come to North Wales?

How long did you live outside of North Wales?

How often did you speak Welsh while you were away?

_____________________________________________________________________

I speak (please tick all that apply):

_____  English

   I began speaking English at age: _____

   At present, I speak English approximately _____ % of the time.

_____  Welsh

   I began speaking Welsh at age: _____

   At present, I speak Welsh approximately _____ % of the time.

_____  Other language(s) (please specify: ________________)

   I began speaking this language at age: _____

   At present, I speak this language approximately _____ % of the time.

Language(s) spoken to you in the home at the following ages (including the language used by grandparents and siblings in speaking to you):

_____  From birth until you turned two years of age

_____  When you were 3 and 4 years of age

_____  When you were 5 and 6 years of age

_____  When you were 7 and 8 years of age

_____  When you were 9 and 10 years of age

A: 100% English  E: about 60% Welsh, 40% English
B: about 90% English, 10% Welsh  F: about 90% Welsh, 10% English
C: about 60% English, 40% Welsh  G: 100% Welsh
D: about 50% English, 50% Welsh  H: Other combination. Please specify:
How important was it to your parents that you (a) pass your GCSE’s, (b) do well on A-level exams, (c) attend university, (d) obtain a further degree after university?

A: Extremely important  C: Somewhat important
B: Very important     D: Not important

How important was it to your parents in general that you (a) spoke Welsh well?  (b) spoke English well?

A: Extremely important  C: Somewhat important
B: Very important     D: Not important

How important did your parents think it was for future job prospects that you (a) speak Welsh well, (b) speak English well?

A: Extremely important  C: Somewhat important
B: Very important     D: Not important

How important do you think it is for future job prospects that you (a) speak Welsh well, (b) speak English well?

A: Extremely important  C: Somewhat important
B: Very important     D: Not important

What was the normal language of instruction in the schools that you attended?

PRIMARY:
A: 100% English       F: about 80% Welsh, 20% English
B: about 80% English, 20% Welsh    G: 100% Welsh
C: about 60% English, 40% Welsh    H: Other combination. Please specify:
D: about 50% English, 50% Welsh
E: about 60% Welsh, 40% English

SECONDARY:
A: 100% English       F: about 80% Welsh, 20% English
B: about 80% English, 20% Welsh    G: 100% Welsh
C: about 60% English, 40% Welsh    H: Other combination. Please specify:
D: about 50% English, 50% Welsh
E: about 60% Welsh, 40% English
Higher Education (if applicable):
A: 100% English  
B: about 80% English, 20% Welsh  
C: about 60% English, 40% Welsh  
D: about 50% English, 50% Welsh  
E: about 60% Welsh, 40% English  
F: about 80% Welsh, 20% English  
G: 100% Welsh  
H: Other combination. Please specify: ________________________________

What types of activities did you participate in outside of normal school activities? (Please tick all that apply):
A. Yr Urdd ______

Average hours per week: Less than 1 hour ______, 1 to 2 hours ______, 2 to 5 hours _____, over 5 hours _____

B. Compete in local or national Eisteddfodau ______

C. Cubs/Scouts or Brownies/Girl Guides: (in Welsh mostly) ______, (in English mostly) ______, (in Welsh and English about equally) ______

D. Sports activities (e.g., tennis, football, rugby, etc.): (in Welsh mostly) ______, (in English mostly) ______, (in Welsh and English about equally) ______

E. Other (please specify): _____________________________________________________

If you attended College or University, what subject did you study? ________________________________

Please indicate how well you feel you speak (a) Welsh ______, (b) English ______
[Please note, we are only asking about speaking ability, not reading or writing ability.]

   A. Native speaker or native-like; can carry out extended conversations
   B. Not a native speaker, but can carry out basic conversations
   C. Not a native speaker, only know some words and expressions

Comments: ____________________________________________________________

Language(s) spoken by your parents/guardians to you (Please tick all that apply and fill in percentages):

   Mother:
   _____ English (approximately _____ % of the time)
   _____ Welsh (approximately _____ % of the time)
   _____ Other (please specify:______________) (approximately _____ % of the time)

Has she always resided in North Wales? If not, please indicate where else she has lived, and when:
________________________________________________________________________

Please indicate when your Mother began to speak Welsh: Age ______

Please indicate when your Mother began to speak English: Age ______
Father:

_____ English (approximately ____ % of the time)

_____ Welsh (approximately ____ % of the time)

_____ Other (please specify:___________) (approximately _____ % of the time)

Has he always resided in North Wales? If not, please indicate where else he has lived, and when:

_________________________________________________________________________

Please indicate when your Father began to speak Welsh:  Age ______

Please indicate when your Father began to speak English:  Age ______

Circle the highest level of education completed by you:

Reception  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  11  12  13  1  2  3+  1  2  3+

Primary

Secondary

University

Post-graduate

GCSE

A-Levels

Mother:

Reception  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  11  12  13  1  2  3+  1  2  3+

Father:

Reception  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  11  12  13  1  2  3+  1  2  3+

Primary

Secondary

University

Post-graduate

GCSE

A-Levels

Parents' occupations when you were a child:  
Mother: ______________________________________

Father: ______________________________________

Your present occupation: ____________________________

Your partner's present occupation (if applicable): ____________________________

Do you rent _____ or own _____ your current residence?

What percentage of the time do you use Welsh in your home now? _________________

What percentage of the time do you use Welsh in your work? _________________
Language(s) spoken by siblings to you when you were a child:

Older siblings:

_____ English (approximately ____ % of the time)

_____ Welsh (approximately ____ % of the time)

_____ Other (please specify:___________) (approximately _____ % of the time)

Younger siblings:

_____ English (approximately ____ % of the time)

_____ Welsh (approximately ____ % of the time)

_____ Other (please specify) (approximately _____ % of the time)

Have you ever undergone speech or language therapy? Yes ____ No ____

Have you ever been treated for a hearing problem? Yes ____ No ____

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.