Template 2: Language Attitudes Survey

The questions in this survey have been compiled and adapted from Chickasaw Nation (2006), Cherokee Nation (2002), Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California (n.d), Hinton (2001b, pp. 54-55).

This survey is for the __________________________ language.

Basic Demographic Questions:

0.1 Age: ________________________________ 0.2 Gender (circle): Male / Female

0.3 Nation and/or Community: ________________________________

0.4 Language Dialect: ________________________________

Answer the questions based on a scale of 1–5, with 1 meaning "Disagree Strongly" and 5 meaning "Agree Strongly."

Language Attitudes Questions for Community Language Goals

1. It is important for members of our community to know their language:

   Disagree Strongly  Disagree Somewhat  Neutral  Agree Somewhat  Agree Strongly

   □  □  □  □  □

2. Our language is vital to our identity and existence as a people:

   Disagree Strongly  Disagree Somewhat  Neutral  Agree Somewhat  Agree Strongly

   □  □  □  □  □

3. Our language is worth saving:

   Disagree Strongly  Disagree Somewhat  Neutral  Agree Somewhat  Agree Strongly

   □  □  □  □  □

4. Our language is difficult to learn:

   Disagree Strongly  Disagree Somewhat  Neutral  Agree Somewhat  Agree Strongly

   □  □  □  □  □

5. Our community should work hard to teach the language to people who don’t know it:

   Disagree Strongly  Disagree Somewhat  Neutral  Agree Somewhat  Agree Strongly

   □  □  □  □  □

6. It would be a good idea to provide classes for families on how to keep their language in use at home:

   Disagree Strongly  Disagree Somewhat  Neutral  Agree Somewhat  Agree Strongly

   □  □  □  □  □

7. Our language should be taught in schools:

   Disagree Strongly  Disagree Somewhat  Neutral  Agree Somewhat  Agree Strongly

   □  □  □  □  □
8. It is important that our language is encouraged and used in workplaces:
   | Disagree Strongly | Disagree Somewhat | Neutral | Agree Somewhat | Agree Strongly |
   |                  □   |                □   |       □   |            □   |           □   |

9. Our language should be encouraged and used in community gatherings:
   | Disagree Strongly | Disagree Somewhat | Neutral | Agree Somewhat | Agree Strongly |
   |                  □   |                □   |       □   |            □   |           □   |

10. It is important that our language is encouraged and used in traditional or ceremonial gatherings:
    | Disagree Strongly | Disagree Somewhat | Neutral | Agree Somewhat | Agree Strongly |
    |                  □   |                □   |       □   |            □   |           □   |

11. It is important that our language is encouraged and used in our First Nation’s government activities:
    | Disagree Strongly | Disagree Somewhat | Neutral | Agree Somewhat | Agree Strongly |
    |                  □   |                □   |       □   |            □   |           □   |

12. Please rank the following groups in terms of the priority for providing opportunities to learn the language (1 meaning first priority, to 5 meaning lowest priority):
    Children ___________________________
    Teens _____________________________
    Elders _____________________________
    Students ___________________________
    Families ___________________________

13. It does not matter how the language is written:
    | Disagree Strongly | Disagree Somewhat | Neutral | Agree Somewhat | Agree Strongly |
    |                  □   |                □   |       □   |            □   |           □   |

14. I would be willing to assist in a language program:
    | Disagree Strongly | Disagree Somewhat | Neutral | Agree Somewhat | Agree Strongly |
    |                  □   |                □   |       □   |            □   |           □   |