

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