

Pre-Interview Questions: Exploring Language Learning Motivation

This pre-interview aims to explore participants' motivations, experiences, and connections with language learning. The questions are tailored for three groups: primary school children, middle and high school students, and teachers. Each group will be engaged in a conversational tone appropriate to their age and role.

For Primary School Children:

Introduction:

"Hi! We're so excited to talk to you today about the languages you know and how you feel about learning them. Let's chat about what you love about languages and how they're a part of your life!"

Questions:

1. What languages do you use at home or at school?
2. Do you remember why you started learning a new language? How did it make you feel?
3. What's your favorite thing about learning a new language? Is it talking to new friends, watching shows, or something else?
4. Are there any languages you've heard and thought, "I'd love to learn that!"? Why?
5. How do you feel when you're using a different language? Does it make you happy, excited, or maybe nervous?

For Middle and High School Students:

Introduction:

"Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts about languages! We're interested in how and why you learn languages and what they mean to you in your life."

Questions:

1. What languages do you currently learn or use at home, school, or elsewhere?
2. Why do you think you started learning your first new language? Was it for school, for fun, or to talk to someone special?
3. What keeps you motivated to learn languages? Is it your friends, travel dreams, career goals, or something else?
4. Have you ever struggled with a language? What helped you keep going?
5. If you could learn any language in the world, which one would it be, and why?

For Teachers:

Introduction:

"Thank you for being part of this project! We're eager to hear your perspective on language learning and how you inspire your students to connect with languages."

Questions:

1. What languages do you teach, and why did you choose to focus on those?
2. What do you believe motivates your students to learn languages? How do you help foster that motivation?
3. What challenges have you noticed your students face in language learning? How do you address them?
4. Can you share an experience where a student discovered a love or connection for a new language?
5. If you could improve one aspect of language learning for your students, what would it be, and why?

Wrap-Up for All Groups:

"Thank you so much for sharing your thoughts! This has given us a great start to understanding how language plays a role in your life. We can't wait to see how you express your ideas through the next part of the project!"

These questions aim to spark meaningful reflections and set a positive, engaged tone for the project's participatory activities.