

Sociolinguistic Interview Procedures (Condensed)

Before meeting with the participant:

1. Complete **Sociolinguistic Interview Plan**.
 - AVOID LANGUAGE related questions until the END of the interview.
 - Participant should agree to spend 1-1.5 hours talking with you.
2. Complete the **Demographic Information of the Interviewer (DI)** document.
3. Complete **Practice Recording**.
 - You will need a recording device (an application on your smart phone will work).

When you arrive for the interview:

1. Before recording, talk for a little while with your participant, make him/her feel comfortable
2. **Consent form**
 - Explain to your participant that it is just a formality
 - It is very important to make sure your participant doesn't see this as a formal situation

During the interview:

1. How long should the interview be?
The interview should be at least 1 hour long.
2. What should the interview be like?
 - The interview should follow a normal conversation flow.
 - Ask follow up questions. You are having a conversation, but trying to learn a little more about the participant.
 - Be engaging. (Make eye contact. You want to learn from the participant, their life, their experiences. This is the most interesting person in the world!! But... DON'T EXAGGERATE. It's easy to tell if you are being fake, and this won't help.
 - Note: Some participants will talk a lot. And some will talk a little. With some, you may need to work harder to find a topic that's interesting to them.
3. Should I take notes or read questions during the interview?
 - No. This is why your preparation is so important. You do not want to make this seem like a formal interview, so plan on topics/questions beforehand.
 - Take mental notes about what the participant says or how the participant says them for the "Field Notes (FN)" document after the interview. But do not take actual notes during the interview.
4. When can I ask the questions about language?
 - Wait to ask questions about language until the last 10 minutes.

After the interview:

1. Thank your participant for the time they spent talking to you
2. Ask your participant to fill out the **Bilingual Language Profile (English or Spanish)**.
3. Ask your participant to fill out the **Demographic information for the Participant (DP)**.
4. Complete the **Field Notes (FN)**.
5. Submit the BLP, DP, FN, signed Consent and audio file.