

Sociolinguistic Interview Plan¹

For your sociolinguistic interview plan, you will need to plan the arrangements for the interview and the questions/topics you will discuss. Complete Part 1 by answering the questions and Part 2 by listing the questions/topics you will discuss.

Part 1: Answer the following questions for your sociolinguistic interview.

1. Who will you interview?
Remember, this should be someone who has lived most of their life here in the RGV, or at least the past 10 years. They should be a part of the RGV community.
2. What language will you conduct the interview in?
You are welcome to code-switch during the interview, but it'll probably be helpful to think of a primary language to use, the language you would normally use with this participant. We'd like to encourage the use of Spanish.
3. When might you conduct the interview?
You have been approved and may start your interview. Review the Tagliamonte (2003) reading and the training materials beforehand. Practice and review topics/questions beforehand.
4. Where might you conduct the interview?
Conduct the interview off campus in a relatively quiet location (ie, coffee shop, home, etc). NOT at the university
5. How will you record the interview?
Your phone, laptop or an audio recorder will work. Do a short test recording first. Make it as unobtrusive as possible. Listen to the audio recording to ensure good audio quality. Practice transferring the file to your computer and sending via email/uploading to Blackboard.

¹ Christoffersen, K., & Bessett, R. (2019-). Sociolinguistic Interview Plan. *Corpus Bilingüe del Valle (CoBiVa)*. University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. www.utrgv.edu/cobiva

Part 2: Choose at least 10 general questions/topics to discuss during the interview and at least the first 8 language-related questions (for the last 10 minutes only). *You may choose more. Topics may be from the "Potential Interview Questions" list or not.*

General Questions/Topics (Feel free to follow the conversation.)

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Language (only last 10 minutes- Please use and copy starred questions here.)

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