

# Language Learning Beliefs Questionnaire

Everyone has beliefs about how language is learned — including you! Take a few minutes now to respond to the following questionnaire about your language learning beliefs.

**Directions:** Read each Statement, then decide if you: (1) strongly agree, (2) agree, (3) are neutral on this point, (4) disagree, (5) strongly disagree.

|   | Strongly<br>Agree | Agree | Am<br>Neutral | Disagree | Strongly<br>Disagree |
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| 1. People over 40 will probably find it very hard to learn a second language.   | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |
| 2. If you don't have a special aptitude it will be really hard to learn one well.   | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |
| 3. It's really important to have your errors corrected from the start when you are learning a language, or you'll never speak correctly.      | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |
| 4. Grammar drills are very important in mastering a second language.  | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |
| 5. You can learn a second language more easily if you like the people who speak that language.  | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |
| 6. The best way to learn another language is to forget about lesson plans or grammar, but just spend time with people who speak the language. | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |
| 7. You shouldn't say anything in a new language until you can say it correctly.   | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |
| 8. Some languages are by their nature harder than others.   | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |
| 9. Attitude contributes as much as intelligence to language learning success.   | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |
| 10. If you can analyze how a language works, you'll be able to speak it well.   | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |

|  | Strongly<br>Agree | Agree | Am<br>Neutral | Disagree | Strongly<br>Disagree |
|--|-------------------|-------|---------------|----------|----------------------|
| 11. You are learning a language if you can understand it, even if you can't speak it.  | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |
| 12. It is easier for someone who already speaks a foreign language to learn another.   | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |
| 13. It is easier to speak than to understand a foreign language.   | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |
| 14. It is important to listen a lot before starting to speak.  | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |
| 15. Learning a second language is different from learning other academic subjects.   | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |
| 16. It is important to repeat and practice a lot.  | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |
| 17. It is important to understand what the parts of a sentence mean when you are learning to say it.                         | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |
| 18. At some point you need to spend a year or so in a country where the language is spoken in order to become really fluent. | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |
| 19. Memorizing dialogues is a good way to learn a language.  | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |
| 20. Being anxious is usually harmful when learning a second language.  | _____             | _____ | _____         | _____    | _____                |