

# Learner Questionnaire

Questions in **bold face** throughout the questionnaire are *for* non-native speakers of English only.

1. Where were you born?

2. (If not born in U.S.) How old were you when you came to the USA?

3. What was the first language you spoke as a child?

**3a. (If other than English) Do you still speak this language? yes / no**

4. What is the highest school grade you completed not including adult education?

4a. Why did you leave school?

5. In what town or city, state (country) was that school?

6. (If not born in the U.S.) Did you attend school in (native country)? yes / no

7. (If yes to #8) how many years?

8. (If yes to #8) In what language were you taught?

**9. Can you read (native language)? yes / no**

**10. Can you write (native language)? yes / no**

**11. Can you read and write English? yes / no / a little**

**11a. How old were you when you learned to read and write English?**

**12. Where did you learn to read and write English? (home, school)?**

13. How many schools did you attend as a child?

14. Did you ever repeat a grade? yes / no. (If yes) Which grade(s)?

15. Do you remember ever having trouble with reading as a child yes / no

16. (If yes) In which grade did you first have trouble? \_\_first grade; \_\_second or third grades;  
\_\_fourth or fifth grades; \_\_sixth, seventh or eighth grades; \_\_high school

17. When you were a child did you ever participate in any of the following programs; if you did, please describe when and where.

\_\_ individual tutoring \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ at home \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ in school \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ Chapter I or Title I \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ Resource Room \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ special classes \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ Core evaluation \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ Special education \_\_\_\_\_

18. What made you decide to take adult education classes? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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19. What do you plan to do after you complete your adult education classes? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

20. About how many hours a week do you read for pleasure (in English)?  less than 1;  
 1-3;  4-6;  more than 6

**21. About how many hours a week do you read for pleasure in (native language)?**  
 **less than 1;  1-3;  4-6;  more than 6**

22. What do you find hard about reading? Which of the following problems seem to apply to you when you read?

English

**Native Language**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I can't read or pronounce the long, hard words. | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can't understand most of the hard words.      | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes I don't understand what I read.       | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I forget a lot of what I read right afterwards. | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I forget a lot of what I read a few days later. | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I read very slowly.                             | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other problems? _____                           | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spelling problems?                              | _____ |