

Student Learning Information

Student Name _____ Interviewer _____

Student's Native Language _____ Date of Interview _____

Other languages in which student is fluent _____

Directions: *If possible, ask the questions using the native language of the student. Follow-up with additional questions related to the intent of the question if a yes or no response is given by the student.*

How does learning (schooling) occur in your community?
(Note: response could relate to native country, current community, or both)

Did you participate in that kind of learning? Yes No

If no, what kind of learning were you involved in?

Can you describe a little of how that was?

How much schooling did you receive in your native country?

Do you read in your native language? Yes No

How easy was it for you to learn to read?

What do you like to read?

Do you remember what you read? Yes No

When you read does the print blur or fade? Yes No

Do your eyes water or tire easily when you read? Yes No

How easy was it for you to learn to spell in your native language?

Do you have difficulty writing in your native language? Yes No

Do you compute arithmetic in your native language? Yes No

Can you make change when you buy something? Yes No

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Have you ever taken a test in your native language? Yes No

How did you do?

Tell me about your memory. How would you describe your ability to recall

Printed information in your native language?

Oral information in your native language?

Do you think you learn something best when you

See it?

Hear it?

Do it?

If I were going to give you directions to a new place (in your native language) how would you want me to give them to you?

Do you have problems communicating in your native language with other people who speak the same language? Yes No

Do other people have difficulty communicating with you in your native language? Yes No

When you tell a story in your native language to a person you do not know, do they understand what you have said? Yes No

Have you had problems learning in your native language? Yes No

If yes, do you think those learning problems limited you from doing daily activities? Yes No

Do you ever get frustrated doing specific tasks? Yes No

If yes, can you describe which ones and what happens?

Describe how you learn:

What do you do to learn something important?

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Do you have problems remembering verbally presented instructions (in your native language) that have more than two or three steps? Yes No

Do you have trouble concentrating when there is

Background noise? Yes No

Background scenery (something visual going on)? Yes No

Do you have difficulty using your hands? Yes No

Do you have trouble keeping track of time? Yes No

Do you have a tendency to get lost (in community, native land, etc.)? Yes No

Do you have trouble doing any of these tasks?

Cooking Yes No

Dealing with money Yes No

Organizing things that need to be done Yes No

Shopping Yes No

What kind of work or employment did you have in your native country?

Are you working now? Yes No

Where? _____ How is that going?

What do you do when you are not in class?

What do you like to do for fun?

If you were in your native land, what would you do for fun?

Tell me about your special skills or talents?

Do you have any eye or vision problems? Yes No

Do you have any ear or hearing problems? Yes No

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Tell me about your health? Any serious health problems?

Has any of the following happen to you (note when and details)?

Serious accidents Yes No

Concussions or head injury Yes No

Frequent headaches Yes No

How long have you been studying English in the United States?

Is the United States the first English-speaking country you have lived in?

Yes No

Is this your first formal class? Yes No

Do you think you are having a problem learning English? Yes No

If yes, what do you think the problem is?

What are your goals and expectations for the next few months?