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Gathering of children's perceptions <u>Initial</u> and Final questionnaire for children

Questions chosen to be the ones common to every version (these questions must, from now on, be in the questionnaires: initial questionnaire and final questionnaire – it is of course all right to add other questions, which won't appear on other countries' questionnaire):

The idea of a systematic comparison between the answers of the initial questionnaire and the ones of the final questionnaire is given up. We will just look for evidences that the language awareness programme has an effect on the pupils who benefited from it in the final questionnaire's answers. The countries must define the language they choose for question 2 (for example, Portugal could choose a Creole).

Questions	Categories of answers	Frequency	Remarkable examples
	(not very abstract)	(make a sign for each type)	given by the children
Which language or languages			
have you heard about?			
	e.g. <i>Polish, Slovene</i> (language of the country)	La majorité, mais pas tous	
	English, Portuguese, African	Presque tous Anglais,	
	(foreign languages)	Voir remarque	
	Alsatian, Provencal, Creolian (dialects and so-called minority languages)	Voir remarques	
	Secret codes	Minorité	
	Baby talk, animals' talk	minorité	

Is (Bavarian) a language?		Austria	PL-E	PL-F 224
Why or why not?		113	Kashub,	Siles, Mont
	Yes (without reasons)	26	3+4	m
	No (without reasons)	2	5+7	m
	Do not know	8		m
	Yes – it is spoken	6		M
	Yes - for a social group	3	2	1
	Yes - I know some words of it			M
	Yes – same pronunciation	2		
	Yes - they speak differently	8		m+m
	Yes - it's a dialect	5	22	m
	Yes - it's a part of (Germany)	6		
	No – it is not written			
	No – it's a kind of (Polish) / it is similar to (Polish)	7		
	No - words are like (Polish)			m+m
	No - you should not speak so			
	No - you don't learn it in school			
	No - it's a dialect	16		
	No – it's not a special country, but a part of (Germany)	4		
	No - these are regions and not languages			m

Is (Roma, Saame, Dolensjšcina) a language? Why or why not?		HU Romani	FIN Saame	SLO or + wr 39+85	
	Yes (without reasons)	5 +	34	Total+3	
	No (without reasons)	2 +	32	+1	
	Do not know	1 +	4	+2	
	Yes – it is spoken (differently)	17 +	4	+7	
	Yes – it's the (country) language			+5	
	Yes – even if I don't know the country		1		
	Yes - because it is a country / place		1	+1	
	Yes - for a social group	37 +			
	It's a dialect			+26	
	Yes – same pronunciation				
	Yes - it has a different pronounciation / it sounds like a language / a bit different	6 +	1+4	M +5	
	Yes - people speak Do. there	+3		MinMin	
	Yes – speaking is different			Min+1	
	Yes - we can analyse it			M+	
	Maybe			+1	
	Yes, a mixed language	4			
	Yes, it originates from the	2			
	Rumanian				
	Yes - you can take an exam	2			
	Yes – it is written				
	No – it is not the language of the country, it is diferent			+2	
	No – it is not written		1		

No - it's a kind of (Polish) / it is similar to (Polish)			+5	Croatian and Slovene
No - words are like (Polish)			+2	
Some words are diferent			+1	
No – it is spoken with an accent			+7	
No – it is not spoken			+1	
No - you should not speak so		4		
No – you don't learn it in school				
No, these people speak the language of the country where they live	2			
No - because there is no country called so / this is not a country		4	+2	
No – it is a country		1	+6	
No - I haven't heard it		_		

What makes languages different from one another?		Austria	PL-E	PL-F	HU-K	HU-G	FIN	Slo or+ wr 128	
	They are just different	26		M			6	Min+5	
	Pronounciation and spelling							+7(+7)	
	The words are different	23	4	M	10		21	Min+24	
	Name and characteristics are							+1	
	different								
	Example							+1	
	Pronunciation	31	29	M			14	M+26	
	They are spoken in different countries / borders!! By different people	12	1		3		12	M+17	
	You can't understand foreign languages	7		m	2		6	+1	
	There are similar languages	11	•	m		•			

Languages sound different					10	
Similar words	3		m		4	
Loan- words				1		
International expressions			M	1		
The Tower of Babel			1			
Writing, letters, intonation,	16	28		66	2	+12
grammar, words, expressions						
Grammar, different complexity	2	5				+1
Languages are different			M			
because of their position in						
mouth						
Speaking						Min
Some don't know the language						Min
and have to learn ist						
There are dialects				·	1	
I can't say					17	

Do animals have a language, why do you think so?		Austria	PL-E	PL-F	HU-K	HU-G	FIN	SLO	or+wr +128	
	Yes (without reasons)	35	6	m	5		33		+12	
	No (without reasons)	32		m			6		+6	
	Yes – they communicate in their own way								+28	
	Yes - animals understand humans		1				3			
	Yes - humans understand animals			M						
	Humans do not understand animals								+1	
	Yes – each animal has its own language								+1	
	It's playing								+1	
	Yes - animals can use body language	3	5	M	10		2	M	+4	
	Yes - animals have a voice	18	11	M	25		20	M	+4	
	Yes – animals imitate men	1		m						
	Yes - but animals speak differently than humans						19			
	Animals speak differently in different countries			M					+1	
	Yes - but humans cannot understand it				1				+1	
	Children talk about experiences with animal language	5			10		2	_	+6	
	(In Finnish and Slovenian, the words for tongue and language are the same)							M		
	No - that's their instinct, not			M	1		4	Min	+1	

written						\Box
	2	1				
the animals' voice						l
I don't know	4			2		
Examples	4					
Communication among animals	28	15	37		+23	
Animals have to learn their			M			
language						
Animals do not need to learn			M			
their language, they are borm						l
with the knowledge						
Man can learn animals' language			M			
Man can't understand animals'				1		
language						
unclear					+7	

How do people learn languages?		Austria	PL-E	PL-F	HU-K	HU-G	FIN	SLO	or+wr +85
	By listening	6	2	M	1		13	M +5	5
	In your family	21	14	M	1		5	M+1	2
	Together with other children	18	1	m			6		
	Mother tongue is acquired without effort		1	M	10		13		
	From one's birth on		1	M			5		+5
	At school	48	7	T(otal)	2		35	M	+9
	By writing	12		M	1 (9)				
	By reading	18	2	M	3 (9)		4		+2
	By a language course	24	9+3	M	1			Min-	+23
	It's simple				46				
	It's hard				1				+1
	By language games and singing								+1
	By speaking	14	1	M	(9)		6		
	On TV			M					
	Learning by heart / every day / repeating	19						Min-	+15
	Hollidays, in foreign countries, contact with foreigners, travelling	15	9+7	m				MMi	in+3
	Somebody tells you							Min	+1
	Internet	3							
	By practicing and solving language tasks		1	m				Min	+1
	I don't know or unclear						6	-	+14

What is a word?		Austria	PL-E	PL-F	HU-K	HU-G FIN	SLO or+wr +128
	Don't know	3		m		13	+128
	Language is built of words	9	4		11	16	+7
	A word has a meaning	14		m	24	12	M+10(+23)
	Name of certain objects						+5
	An agreement among several people						+1
	Letters together	71	14	m	26	12	Min+10(+23)
	An example (table is a word)	7		m	2	38	+4
	A word is a sound / you can hear it					2	+1
	Letters with sense		16				
	Nouns, verbs,	3		m			
	Words differ						+1
	Something to read and to write	2			3		+2
	Something to talk with			M	7		M+49
	You need it for talking, writing	4	12+16-	⊦ 2			M
	A part of a sentence, of speech		1+2	m	2		+8
	A word is not an object			M			
	Something good	1					
	A sign of a country						+1
	(Polish: 2 expr. for word)		(16)				
	Unclear						+13

What would you like to investigate if you were a language researcher?		Austria	PL-E	PL-F	HU-K	HU-G	FIN	SLO or+wr 85
	Why we need languages							+1
	How languages originated	17	2	m	15			+1
	How the first humans spoke		8	M				
	Old languages							+5
	If the Tower of Babel is true							
	Why languages are different / how many in a country, in the world	3	4	m	5			+2
	How words differ							+1
	How people named things							+1
	Human languages							+1
	How babies learn languages							+2
	How animals speak	16	8	m	5			+4
	What was first: language or thinking?							
	Research on languages such as Spanish, Chinese / go to countries	48	9	m	7			+41
	Differences in languages	2						
	Orthography, words, names, grammar	5						+3
	Invent or discover new languages	1	2		9			
	Write a book on languages around the word	2						
	Research on dead languages		3	m				
	Research on ancient or exotic languages			1	21			

Research in different alphabets	m	+4
and in historical writing		
Research in efficient language	m	
learning		
Different cultures	3	
I'd go around the world		M
Pronounciation and pelling		Min+5
Names in different countries		M
Language accuracy		Min
Fairy tales, texts in languages		+2
Unclear or blanc		