

LIN 100 Language and Culture  
(Voorhees sections 160W and 180W, Spring 2024)  
Language Data Collection Project (Midterm)

Description: For your midterm, you are asked to collect language data that illustrates a linguistic phenomenon that is related to the content of this course. In other words, the phenomenon you choose must be related in some way to language and culture/sociolinguistics. Topics could include any of the following:

Language socialization (first OR second language), bilingualism, language and gender, language and race, language and identity, pragmatics, communicative competence/style, language and age, language and social status, language and humor, etc. Please contact me ASAP if you need help crafting a topic.

STEPS

1. Identify topic
2. Craft an interest statement in which you explain what you are exactly investigating and why
3. Identify a participant from which you will collect language data. Data should be carefully recorded. I suggest making an audio recording and then writing the data out in print.
4. Analyze the data and connect it to 2-3 pieces of scholarly research on the topic.
5. Craft a 3 -page write-up in which you present everything in steps 1-4.
6. Create a presentation of 5 minutes in which you present your findings. Presentation should contain a visual which shows your data display.

NB:

- This is an exercise in analyzing a language sample. It is not a research project!
- This exercise will count as your midterm and is worth a significant portion of your grade.
- The write-up is due on the day you present. Please consult the schedule of your particular section for the date
- IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION PLEASE ASK!