

## LANGUAGE AND CULTURE QUESTIONNAIRE

### Module 2, Session 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In this questionnaire, the term *bilingual* means “a child who is being exposed to at least two languages on a daily basis.”

Read each statement carefully and then circle the one response that most closely fits your level of agreement with the statement. Instructor will respond with suggestions of resources to learn more about different areas.

1. It is easy for children to learn a second language.  
 strongly disagree                      disagree                      agree                      strongly agree
2. The most appropriate educational program for all children is one that is based entirely on American values and ways of doing this.  
 strongly disagree                      disagree                      agree                      strongly agree
3. It is important that all educational personnel know how children learn a new language.  
 strongly disagree                      disagree                      agree                      strongly agree
4. The same educational program will work for all children, bilingual or not.  
 strongly disagree                      disagree                      agree                      strongly agree
5. English should be the only language spoken during school-sponsored activities.  
 strongly disagree                      disagree                      agree                      strongly agree
6. Parent whose first language is not English should speak English at home to help their children learn it as quickly as possible.  
 strongly disagree                      disagree                      agree                      strongly agree
7. It takes a long time for young children to become proficient in a second language.  
 strongly disagree                      disagree                      agree                      strongly agree
8. Educational personnel can help children from other cultures become bicultural by respecting their home culture and introducing aspects of American culture.  
 strongly disagree                      disagree                      agree                      strongly agree
9. It is important for teachers to share information about home languages with all of the children in the classroom.  
 strongly disagree                      disagree                      agree                      strongly agree

10. There's no point in educational personnel trying to communicate with parents who speak a different language.  
strongly disagree                      disagree                      agree                      strongly agree
11. Parent should continue to speak their home language with their children.  
strongly disagree                      disagree                      agree                      strongly agree
12. The process of learning English is remarkably similar for all children no matter what other language they speak.  
strongly disagree                      disagree                      agree                      strongly agree
13. All children should be exposed to materials from other languages and cultures.  
strongly disagree                      disagree                      agree                      strongly agree
14. The more bilingual children there are in an educational program, the more need there will be for special education services.  
strongly disagree                      disagree                      agree                      strongly agree

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