

# Gitxsan Language Learners Survey

## Section 1: Basic Demographic Questions:

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (circle): Male / Female

Clan:  Lax Gibuu  Ganeda/Lax Seel  Lax Skiik  Gisgaast  Not Applicable / Not Gitxsan

Father Clan:

Lax Gibuu  Ganeda/Lax Seel  Lax Skiik  Gisgaast  Not Applicable / Not Gitxsan

Village/ Of Residence:

Kispiox  Sikedakh  Gitanmaax  Gitsegukla  Kitwanga  Gitanyow

Language Dialect:

Gigeenix / Upriver / Eastern  Gigyees / Downriver / Western  Not Applicable / Don't Know

## Section 2: Degree of Knowledge and Exposure to the Language

1. How well can you speak the language?

- Fluently
- Somewhat fluently; can make myself understood but have some problems with it
- Not very well: know a lot of words and phrases but have difficulties communicating
- Know some vocabulary, but can't speak in sentences
- Not at all

2. How well do you understand the language?

- Very well; understand everything someone says to me
- Understand most of a conversation, but not completely
- Understand some words and phrases only
- Not at all

3. Are you currently learning the language?

- Yes
- No

3.1 If YES, where or how are you learning the language? (check all that apply)

- Highschool  Community Class  Language Speaker(s)  Work
- Feast  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3.2 How would you rate your language learning experience?

- effective  adequate  ineffective  not applicable

4. How many words do you estimate you can say in the language?

- 0  100 – 199
- 1 – 24  200 – 299
- 25 – 49  300 – 399
- 50 – 99  400 +

5. How many words do you estimate you can understand in the language?

- 0  100 – 199
- 1 – 24  200 – 299
- 25 – 49  300 – 399
- 50 – 99  400 +

6. How often do you interact with a fluent speaker?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Sometimes
- Never

**7. How much do you and your family use the language at home?**

- Always       Sometimes       Very Little       Never

**8. Who speaks the language in your home at the present time? (select any that apply)**

- Grandmother
- Grandfather
- Mother
- Father
- Brothers, Sisters
- No speakers live in my home
- Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. How often do you currently hear the language at school?**

- Always       Sometimes       Very Little       Never       Not Applicable / Not a Student

**10. How often do you currently use or hear the language at work?**

- Always       Sometimes       Very Little       Never       Not Applicable

**11. How often do you currently use or hear the language at traditional/ceremonial gatherings?**

- Always       Sometimes       Very Little       Never       Not Applicable

**12. What type of Traditional or Ceremonial Gatherings do you participate in?**

- Tets / Halayd'm Hets       Feast       Puberty Ceremonies       Burnings
- First Salmon       First Snow       Last snow
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Are there any traditional ceremonies that haven't been done in a while, that you would like to see practiced again?**

- No
- Yes, Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**14. How do you use or hear the language in *governance activities*, if applicable?**

*For example – employees of the health department, education department, in the band office, chief and council meetings, chief's consultation meetings, annual general meetings (AGM's), etc.*

- Always       Sometimes       Very Little       Never       Not Applicable / Don't Know

**Section 3: Language Attitudes & Beliefs**

**1. Our language is vital to our identity and existence as Gitxsan people:**

- Disagree Strongly      Disagree Somewhat      Neutral      Agree Somewhat      Agree Strongly
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**2. Our language is worth saving:**

- Disagree Strongly      Disagree Somewhat      Neutral      Agree Somewhat      Agree Strongly
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**3. Our community should work hard to teach the language to people who don't know it:**

- Disagree Strongly      Disagree Somewhat      Neutral      Agree Somewhat      Agree Strongly
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**4. It would be a good idea to provide classes for families on how to keep their language in use at home:**

- Disagree Strongly      Disagree Somewhat      Neutral      Agree Somewhat      Agree Strongly

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- 5. It is important that our community leaders demonstrate learning and/or speaking the language:**  
 Disagree Strongly      Disagree Somewhat      Neutral      Agree Somewhat      Agree Strongly
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- 6. It's important our language is used and encouraged in community events, and traditional/ceremonial gatherings:**  
 Disagree Strongly      Disagree Somewhat      Neutral      Agree Somewhat      Agree Strongly
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#### Section 4: Interest in Learning the Language

- 1. Are you interested in learning the language?**
- Yes
  - No
  - Maybe
- 2. Which groups do you think we should focus on? (select all that apply)**
- Children
  - Teens
  - Students
  - Adults
  - Elders
  - Families
- 3. What obstacles or barriers do you experience in learning the language (check all that apply):**
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Desire                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Money                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Work                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of resources & curriculum         | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Differences in dialects                | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of people to speak to           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to language speakers            | <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Understanding the writing system       | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal learning style              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prominence of English in everyday life | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of learning support with family |
- 4. What tools should our community focus on in language revitalization?**
- TOP 3**
- Language nest for ages 0 – 5
  - Elementary School immersion program
  - Secondary School immersion program
  - Language learning support for families in the home
  - Adult immersion classes including beginner, intermediate, and advanced
  - Seasonal Gitxsan language camps
  - Gitxsanimx Immersion dinners & community activities
  - User-friendly grammar book
  - More Gitxsanimx media including cartoons, movies, music CD's and radio stations

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**Thank you for completing the survey.**

**Please fill out your information for a chance to win door prizes please write your name and contact information below:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_