

# 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; I can be understood but have some problems with it
- Not very well: I 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 estimate that you can 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. How often do you interact with other Gitxsanimx speaker?

Daily  Weekly  Monthly  Sometimes  Never

### 4. When interacting with another Gitxsanimx speaker, how often do you try to use the language?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Very Little
- Never

### 5. How many fluent speakers do you know?

- 0
- 1 – 5
- 6 – 10
- 11 – 25
- 26 – 49
- 50 +

### 6. How much do you and your family use the language at home?

Always  Sometimes  Very Little  Never

### 7. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Always                       Sometimes                       Very Little                       Never                       Not Applicable

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

- Always                       Sometimes                       Very Little                       Never                       Not Applicable

**3. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. 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 Applicab

**Section 3: Language Attitudes & Beliefs**

**1. Our language is vital to our identity and existence as Gitksan 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. Which groups do you think we should focus on? (select all that apply)**

- Children

- Teens
- Students
- Adults
- Elders
- Families

**1. 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

**1. Would you be interested in training in *How to Teach a Language*?**

- Yes             No             Maybe

**2. Would you like to be contacted for future training opportunities?**

- No, I'm not interested in future training opportunities  
 Yes, please contact me for future training opportunities

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

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

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