Learner Questionnaire

Questions in **bold faced italics** throughout the questionnaire are for non-native speakers of English only

1. Where were you born? ______________, ______________, ______________
   city or town state country

2. (If not born in U.S.) How old were you when you came to the USA? ______________

3. What was the first language you spoke as a child? ___________________________________

   3a. (If other than English) **Do you still speak this language?** yes / no

4. What is the highest school grade you completed not including adult education? __________

   4a. (If left before graduating) Why did you leave school? ________________________________
      _____________________________________________________________________________
      _____________________________________________________________________________
      _____________________________________________________________________________

5. In what town or city, state (country) was that school? _________________________________

6. (If not born in the U.S.) Did you attend school in (native country)? yes / no

7. (If yes to #6) How many years? ______________________________________________________________________

8. (If yes to #6) In what language were you taught? _________________________________________

9. **Can you read** (native language)? yes / no

10. **Can you write** (native language)? yes / no

11. **Can you read and write English?** yes / no / a little

    11a. How old were you when you learned to read and write English? _______________

12. **Where did you learn to read and write English?** (home, school)? _________________

13. How many schools did you attend as a child? ______________

14. Did you ever repeat a grade? yes / no. (If yes) Which grade(s)? _______________

15. Do you remember ever having trouble with reading as a child? yes / no

16. (If yes to #15) In which grade did you first have trouble? ____first grade; ____ second or

    third grade; ____ fourth or fifth grade; ____ sixth, seventh or eighth grade; ____ high school
17. When you were a child did you ever participate in any of the following programs? If you did, please describe when and where.

- Individual tutoring ______________________ at home ______ in school ______________________
- Chapter I or Title I ________________________________
- Resource Room _________________________________
- Special classes ________________________________
- Core evaluation _________________________________
- Special education _______________________________

18. What made you decide to take adult education classes? ______________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

19. What do you plan to do after you complete your adult education classes? ________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

20. About how many hours a week do you read for pleasure (in English)? ___less than 1; ___1-3; ___4-6; ___more than 6.

21. About how many hours a week do you read for pleasure in (native language)?
___less than 1; ___1-3; ___4-6; ___more than 6.

22. What do you find hard about reading? Which of the following problems seem to apply to you when you read?

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<td>___I read very slowly. ___</td>
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<td>___Other problems? ________________________________</td>
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