

LING 432/532: SOCIOLINGUISTICS (SPRING 2011)

Language Attitudes write-up guidelines

3-5 single spaced pages (can double space if you like)

There should be clear sections:

- 1.) An Intro section that discusses the topic that you investigate. Include the questions you ask in the survey and a brief background info connecting it to our readings – the literature.
- 2.) Methodology and Subjects – includes info about interviewer (you), who you interviewed and **where you interviewed people**. Refer to Table 1 that you create – Participants (and demographic info)
- 3.) Data and Analysis – This is where you present your data. Table 2 should be answers to questions. Please put info from table into prose. Should include percentages of how many said yes and if demographic/social info is relevant (how many women said yes to question 1, for example). Here you just present the data and numbers – no discussion of what it means.
- 4.) Results and Conclusions – This is where you discuss what the above data mean (if anything). Summarize the findings, and include your take (your opinion) on these findings. Also include any other relevant info about your preconceived notions, etc. Can make statements about too few data or no patterns found or if there were patterns found. Can contrast with what you expected vs. what you didn't.

Other notes:

Do not use real names!

Be sure to make 2 tables and call them and refer to them as Table 1 and Table 2 in the text. You can put the tables at the end or embed in the sections after where you refer to them. Also be sure to label your tables as such with a brief description in the table title of what it is.

Feel free to use these headings and organize the write-up in this manner. It should be clear and organized. Basically, include the following info:

The questions I am asking and why I am asking them.

Who I asked the questions to (or *to whom I asked the questions* for you prescriptivists!)

What they said and who said what

What it all means in your opinion