

Appendix A Interview Guide 1

Preface: People approach second language learning in many different ways. I am interested in finding out your personal way to learn English. You are the expert on this topic.

1. Can you please tell me the story of how you learned English, since you started studying it in your home country to the present? Include anything relevant, positive or negative that you can remember as part of your learning experience.

2. I can see by your story that you have worked a lot to learn English. What motivated you to do it?

3. You have told me the story of how you learned English prior your arrival to the US. I have perceived that you attribute your achievements as a language learner to... Am I right? Can you please elaborate on this?

4. What has helped you the most to learn English? How did you learn to do that?

5. You mentioned that... was a particularly unpleasant (difficult, negative) experience connected to your learning English in (your country and/or the US). Tell me more about the negative aspects of learning English.

6. You have said that learning English was fun (interesting, agreeable, positive), because... Could you say more about the positive aspects of learning English?

7. You have talked about your experiences learning English in your country and in the United States. Please, compare these two learning experiences.