

Impact of Informal language acquisition through Study Abroad

Hello, my name is Kyle Lipscombe and I'm a Japanese major at California State university Monterey Bay. For my Undergraduate research project I decided to collect data on two things. The first: Reduction of speaking anxiety through studying abroad. The second: the contribution that social activities make in attaining higher language proficiency. I would greatly appreciate if would would take 8 minutes to fill in my survey.

Research questions questions:

- 1.) In what ways does studying abroad help reduce speaking anxiety?
- 2.) What social activities contribute to attaining higher language proficiency and why?

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1. 1. Age *

Mark only one oval.

- 18-19
- 22-23
- 24+

2. 2. What is your nationality *

Mark only one oval.

- American
- Japanese
- Australian
- Thai
- Chinese
- French
- Other:

3. 3. What year of college are you in? *

Mark only one oval.

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate school

4. 4. What is your gender *

Mark only one oval.

- Male
- Female

5. 5. What is your parents financial status *

Mark only one oval.

- Low income
- Mid-low
- Mid
- Mid-high

6. 6. What is your financial status *

Mark only one oval.

- Dependent
- Independent
- Partially dependent

7. 7. Do you have any siblings *

Mark only one oval.

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3 or more

8. 8. Has any one in your family ever studied abroad before? *

Check all that apply.

- Mother
- Father
- Sibling
- NA
- Other:

9. 9. What language(s) are you learning *

Check all that apply.

- Japanese
- French
- Spanish
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Korean
- English
- Other:

10. 10. How many year have you been studying a foreign language *

Mark only one oval.

- Less than one year
- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years
- 5 years
- 6 or more years

11. 11. Have you ever participated in Study abroad? *

Mark only one oval.

- I have Already Participated *Skip to question 25.*
- I plan to participate *Skip to question 12.*
- I do not plan to participate *Skip to "Thank you for participating.."*

Survey Questions

Next is a series of questions asking about your speaking anxiety prior to Study Abroad.

12. **12. What year are you planning to study abroad?**

Mark only one oval.

- Sophomore year
 Junior Year
 Senior Year

13. **13. In order to study abroad, what percentage of money would you be willing to take out as a loan? ***

Mark only one oval.

- 25%
 50%
 75%
 100%
 Other:

14. **14. How much do you think your target language will improve from the first month of your study abroad experience until you last day? ***

Mark only one oval.

- No improvement
 Little improvement
 Noticeable improvement
 Significant improvement

15. **15. What area do you want to see improvements in? ***

Check all that apply.

- Casual speaking with friends
 Casually talking with teachers outside of class
 talking with waiters and vendors when ordering or shopping
 Understanding Television programs such as news, and dramas
 Developing the ability to read and discuss flyers regarding parties or social events
 Informally discuss my own opinions about everyday activities

16. **16. A fear of making mistakes when speaking to native speakers causes me to be anxious** *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree

17. **17. Taking a test in my language class causes me to be more anxious** *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree

18. **18. I change the way I act when I am with native speakers of my target language** *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree

19. **19. When I meet a native speaker for the first time I feel anxious when I have to speak in my target language** *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree

20. **20. During Study abroad I felt anxious when to do things such as going to the store** *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree

21. **21. I feel that my language levels are too low to be speaking in my target language** *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree

22. **22. After a native speaker of my target language praises my speaking I feel less anxious to speak ***

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree

23. **23. I am nervous when I know I have to speak in public ***

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree

24. **24.** **Mark only one oval per row.*

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
Question	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel more anxious when my teacher has me speak in my target language during class	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being unprepared for a conversation with a native speaker in my target language makes me feel anxious	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Negative evaluations from my peers makes me unwilling to participate in speaking activities during class	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A fear of making mistakes when talking in my target language forces me to talk slower.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The thought that I need to speak perfectly in my target language makes me feel anxious.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe that my peers speak better than me when speaking in my target language	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When my teacher corrects my speaking I feel less confident to participate during speaking activities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Survey Questions*Stop filling out this form.*

25. **25. When did you study abroad? ****Mark only one oval.*

- Junior year- high school
- Senior year- high school
- Junior year- college
- Senior year- college

26. **26. In order to study abroad what percentage of money were you willing to take out as a loan ****Mark only one oval.*

- 25%
- 50%
- 75%
- 100%
- Other:

27. **27. In what areas did you notice the most improvement after completing study abroad? ****Check all that apply.*

- Casual speaking with friends
- Casually talking with teachers outside of class
- Talking with waiters and vendors when ordering or shopping
- Understanding Television programs such as news, and dramas
- Developing the ability to read and discuss flyers regarding parties and social events
- Informally discuss my own opinions about everyday activities

28. **28. A fear of making mistakes when speaking to native speakers causes me to be anxious ***

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Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Strongly Disagree Strongly Agree29. **29. Taking a test in my language class causes me to be more anxious ****Mark only one oval.*

1 2 3 4 5

Strongly Disagree Strongly Agree

30. **30. I change the way I act when I am with native speakers of my target language ***

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree

31. **31. When I meet a native speaker for the first time I feel anxious when I have to speak in my target language ***

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree

32. **32. During Study abroad I felt anxious when to do things such as going to the store ***

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree

33. **33. I feel that my language levels are too low to be speaking in my target language ***

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Strongly Disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree

34. **34. After a native speaker of my target language praises my speaking I feel less anxious to speak ***

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree

35. **35. I am nervous when I know I have to speak in public ***

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree

36. **36. The club I joined Helped me overcome my language Anxiety ***

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Diesagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree

37. 37. Social activities While abroad *

Next is a list of social activities that you participated while abroad, please read through the list and choose which one's were effective to your improvement and which one's were not effective
Mark only one oval per row.

	NA	Not effective	Somewhat Effective	effective	Very effective
School clubs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City organized clubs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Intership	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Part time Job	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sports team	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Joining a music band	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participating in theater	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Group Parties	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Night Clubs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attended classes together	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bars	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Host family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Living in an international dorm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
international cafe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Barbecuing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drinking parties	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
group traveling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attending cultural festivals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sight seeing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All you can eat buffets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Onsen/spa	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Game centers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

NA Not effective Somewhat Effective effective Very effective

38. 38. Post Study Abroad

Next is a series of questions asking about your speaking anxiety Post Study Abroad. Please read the question in column 1 and select your answer in columns 2-5

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
Question	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Negative evaluations from my peers makes me unwilling to participate in speaking activities during class	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Thank you for participating.

