

This survey is for a linguistics class. We're interested in how people speak. Please respond to the following questions, keeping in mind there are **no right or wrong answers**. We're after how you really use these words and phrases when speaking in everyday situations, so please be as honest as you can. If you are interested in the topic, I can explain after you've finished the survey. Your answers are anonymous and confidential.

## Section 1

*Read the following words out loud. Do they sound the same or different to you? Circle your answer.*

- |         |        |      |           |
|---------|--------|------|-----------|
| 1. COT  | CAUGHT | same | different |
| 2. PIN  | PEN    | same | different |
| 3. MARY | MARRY  | same | different |
| 4. COLT | CULT   | same | different |

## Section 2

*Read the following words out loud. Circle your answer.*

1. **How do you pronounce the first syllable of LAWYER?**

Rhymes with *boy*                      Rhymes with *flaw*                      Either                      Other

2. **How do you pronounce the word CAMEL?**

Two syllables (like car-mel)                      Three syllables (like car-a-mel)                      Either                      Other

3. **How do you pronounce the second syllable in PAJAMAS?**

Rhymes with *Pam*                      Rhymes with *Palm*                      Either                      Other

4. **How do you pronounce the word CRAYON?**

One syllable, sounds like *cran*                      One syllable, sounds like *crown*

Two syllables, like *cray-ahn*                      Other

## Section 3

Circle the answer you **most commonly** use.

1. What do you call the small flying insect that lights up at night?

Lightning bug      Firefly      Either      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What do you call the small freshwater lobster found in lakes and streams?

Crayfish      Crawfish      Crawdad      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What do you call rubber-soled shoes used for athletic activities?

Tennis shoes      Sneakers      Gym shoes      Trainers

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. What term do you use to refer to something that is across both streets from you at an intersection (or diagonally across from you in general)?

Catty-corner      Kitty-corner      I only use "diagonal" for this

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 4

*Which of the following types of sentences could you say yourself (circle your answer)? We're looking more for whether you'd say a sentence of this form, rather than whether you'd express the meaning of the sentence. Remember, we're interested in how you speak, not write.*

1. I might could do that.

Would say      Wouldn't say, but have heard before      Have never heard

2. They be working on Fridays.

Would say      Wouldn't say, but have heard before      Have never heard

3. He didn't see nobody there.

Would say      Wouldn't say, but have heard before      Have never heard

4. That car needs washed.

Would say      Wouldn't say, but have heard before      Have never heard

## Section 5

*We'd like to know more about how people use the word "cap" or "capping" (often in the phrase "no cap") as a verb. Please answer the following questions about how you use this in speech (not in written form).*

**1. Have you ever heard "cap" or "capping"?**

Yes

No

**2. Have you ever used "cap" or "capping"?**

Yes

No

**3. How often do you use "cap" or "capping"? (circle one answer):**

Multiple times each day

About once a day

About once a week

Hardly ever

I have never used this phrase

**4. How often do you hear others use "cap" or "capping"? (circle one answer):**

Multiple times each day

About once a day

About once a week

Hardly ever

I have never used this phrase

**5. On a scale of 0-5 (0=Never, 5=Very likely), how likely would you be to use "cap" or "capping" when speaking to the following people? (Enter "0" for all if you would never use this phrase with anyone.)**

Close friend	0	1	2	3	4	5
Acquaintance	0	1	2	3	4	5
Stranger	0	1	2	3	4	5
Romantic partner	0	1	2	3	4	5
Classmate	0	1	2	3	4	5
Professor	0	1	2	3	4	5

**6. Are there certain contexts in which you are more or less likely to use "cap" or "capping"? Explain:**

**7. Are there certain people or types of people that you think use "cap" or "capping"? Explain:**

## Section 6

*Please tell us about yourself.*

1. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_
2. If you are in college, what is your year (e.g. freshman, sophomore, etc.)?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What is your gender? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is your race? \_\_\_\_\_
5. If you are in college, what is your major?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What U.S. states have you lived in between the ages of 7 and your current age? How long did you live there?:

**Researcher Name:** \_\_\_\_\_