Assignment 1

due in class on Monday, June 13th

Task 1: One of the best ways to learn how to do something is by studying a good example of it, trying to figure out what ‘makes it tick’, and then adapting what they do for your own purposes. We will do this with the language surveys we shared with you. Choose three language surveys in the Google folder we shared with you, and write a short paragraph about each one. Try to include an evaluation of the survey, and also any questions, methods, or new ideas that you think might be appropriate to adapt and use in your survey. It might be useful to know that this ‘copying’ and adapting questions from other surveys is a common strategy; you just need to make sure it fits your purposes.

In order to have some variety on the three surveys you read, please make sure that each one is from a different region in the world. For example, you can pick one each from North America, Oceania (i.e. Australia and New Zealand), and Europe (i.e. Welsh).

Be prepared to talk about one of one of them in class!

Formatting: Please type them out in a word processor, but don’t worry about printing it: we will be able to print them for you (if needed) in class on Monday. You only need one paragraph for each survey you choose, which means they should all fit on one page.

Task 2: Type up a first draft of your survey. You can do this by building on some of the survey questions we workshopped on the white boards on Tuesday, plus integrating anything you learned from the mapping workshop/Kobo survey design you worked with on Wednesday. (We will be learning more of details next week of the different kinds of survey questions there are, and how to pick the right one that most effectively ask the question you want.)