

Design and Methodology in Language Research

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This presentation will discuss design and methodology used in language research, in particular first and second language acquisition, with application to heritage language research. The following topics will be covered: quantitative, qualitative and classroom design; naturalistic data collection; data elicitation methods; grammaticality and acceptability judgments; truth-value judgments and picture-matching tasks. The advantages and disadvantages of each method will be discussed, with a particular focus on the appropriateness of the methodology for heritage language research. Illustrations will be drawn from studies on first and second language acquisition.