

Table 19.1. The percentages of *strongly agree or agree* by gender in question 19: “What follows are statements about the importance of English in Finland. Respond to each statement, giving your initial reaction.” The median numbers of respondents are shown above the columns.

Statement	Gender			p
	Total respondents	Male	Female	
	n=1425 %	n=711 %	n=716 %	
a. Young people must know English	97.2	97.2	97.2	1.000
b. People of working age must know English	80.0	77.2	82.7	0.010
c. Elderly people must know English	23.2	25.4	21.1	0.059
d. The spread of English in Finland is a threat to our own languages	17.8	17.5	18.0	0.782
e. The spread of English in Finland is a threat to Finnish culture	17.4	17.3	17.5	0.944
f. Finns travelling abroad must know English	69.4	70.8	68.1	0.301
g. Finns can be international without knowing English	49.8	49.7	49.8	1.000
h. It is important for the development of a multicultural society that everybody should be able to speak English	49.9	49.9	49.9	1.000
i. Finns must know other languages in addition to English	66.8	66.4	67.2	0.779
j. For Finns, the mother tongue is more useful than English	80.8	84.5	77.1	< 0.001
k. English is more useful to Finns than Swedish	82.3	82.7	81.8	0.678
l. The English language enriches our native languages	52.7	56.2	49.2	0.009
m. English skills are overrated	34.0	32.2	35.8	0.162
n. Social services (e.g. healthcare services) must be offered in English as well as in Finnish and Swedish	58.9	53.4	64.3	< 0.001
o. All companies in Finland must offer services also in English	38.8	33.8	43.8	< 0.001

Table 19.2. The percentages of *strongly agree or agree* by age group in question 19: “What follows are statements about the importance of English in Finland. Respond to each statement, giving your initial reaction.” The median numbers of respondents are shown above the columns.

Statement	Age group					p
	Total respondents	15–24	25–44	45–64	65–79	
	n=1425 %	n=227 %	n=502 %	n=536 %	n=162 %	
a. Young people must know English	97.2	96.9	98.8	96.7	93.9	0.008
b. People of working age must know English	80.0	92.1	88.1	70.0	71.3	< 0.001
c. Elderly people must know English	23.2	34.4	24.4	17.8	21.7	< 0.001
d. The spread of English in Finland is a threat to our own languages	17.8	15.5	12.2	22.9	21.3	< 0.001
e. The spread of English in Finland is a threat to Finnish culture	17.4	9.7	14.5	21.7	23.9	< 0.001
f. Finns travelling abroad must know English	69.4	82.7	77.3	59.1	60.5	< 0.001
g. Finns can be international without knowing English	49.8	51.1	44.0	52.1	57.5	0.008
h. It is important for the development of a multicultural society that everybody should be able to speak English	49.9	61.2	56.7	40.4	44.1	< 0.001
i. Finns must know other languages in addition to English	66.8	58.1	63.3	72.2	71.9	< 0.001
j. For Finns, the mother tongue is more useful than English	80.8	73.6	80.5	82.5	86.4	0.007
k. English is more useful to Finns than Swedish	82.3	85.5	84.5	80.2	77.6	0.064
l. The English language enriches our native languages	52.7	48.0	58.4	49.4	52.8	0.013
m. English skills are overrated	34.0	22.5	20.6	46.3	50.6	< 0.001
n. Social services (e.g. healthcare services) must be offered in English as well as in Finnish and Swedish	58.9	65.2	67.6	49.6	53.7	< 0.001
o. All companies in Finland must offer services also in English	38.8	48.5	38.1	33.6	44.8	0.001

Table 19.3. The percentages of *strongly agree or agree* by residential area in question 19: “What follows are statements about the importance of English in Finland. Respond to each statement, giving your initial reaction.” The median numbers of respondents are shown above the columns.

1: city with over 50 000 inhabitants, 2: town with less than 50 000 inhabitants, 3: rural centre, 4: countryside.

Statement	Total respondents n=1425 %	Area				p
		1	2	3	4	
		n=621 %	n=304 %	n=241 %	n=261 %	
a. Young people must know English	97.2	97.7	98.2	95.6	96.0	0.144
b. People of working age must know English	80.0	84.6	77.1	76.9	75.3	0.002
c. Elderly people must know English	23.2	26.0	20.0	23.3	20.3	0.130
d. The spread of English in Finland is a threat to our own languages	17.8	15.3	18.0	20.1	21.1	0.141
e. The spread of English in Finland is a threat to Finnish culture	17.4	14.9	17.6	18.6	22.1	0.074
f. Finns travelling abroad must know English	69.4	72.8	68.5	63.2	68.4	0.047
g. Finns can be international without knowing English	49.8	49.6	51.9	53.9	43.9	0.122
h. It is important for the development of a multicultural society that everybody should be able to speak English	49.9	53.6	44.9	43.8	47.5	0.013
i. Finns must know other languages in addition to English	66.8	71.4	65.1	62.7	61.6	0.010
j. For Finns, the mother tongue is more useful than English	80.8	79.9	84.8	80.4	78.6	0.225
k. English is more useful to Finns than Swedish	82.3	83.3	82.9	80.9	80.5	0.704
l. The English language enriches our native languages	52.7	49.5	54.7	54.3	56.5	0.188
m. English skills are overrated	34.0	30.7	33.2	37.1	39.7	0.049
n. Social services (e.g. healthcare services) must be offered in English as well as in Finnish and Swedish	58.9	64.7	54.9	57.4	51.2	< 0.001
o. All companies in Finland must offer services also in English	38.8	42.7	32.2	34.5	41.2	0.006

Table 19.4. The percentages of *strongly agree* or *agree* by education in question 19: “What follows are statements about the importance of English in Finland. Respond to each statement, giving your initial reaction.” The median numbers of respondents are shown above the columns.

1: Primary school (grades 1-6 in the Finnish system), 2: Lower secondary school (grades 7-9/10 in the Finnish system), 3: Upper secondary school, upper secondary school graduate or vocational education graduate, 4: Polytechnic degree, 5: University degree.

Statement	Education						p
	Total respondents	1	2	3	4	5	
	n=1425 %	n=157 %	n=238 %	n=651 %	n=144 %	n=219 %	
a. Young people must know English	97.2	93.7	98.3	96.6	99.3	98.6	0.011
b. People of working age must know English	80.0	64.5	82.4	77.9	90.1	89.0	< 0.001
c. Elderly people must know English	23.2	15.4	29.5	22.3	19.6	26.9	0.009
d. The spread of English in Finland is a threat to our own languages	17.8	17.3	18.5	16.4	18.1	21.7	0.525
e. The spread of English in Finland is a threat to Finnish culture	17.4	21.6	17.4	15.0	16.7	22.4	0.084
f. Finns travelling abroad must know English	69.4	58.0	72.9	69.5	77.1	68.9	0.004
g. Finns can be international without knowing English	49.8	55.8	47.9	48.1	51.7	51.6	0.437
h. It is important for the development of a multicultural society that everybody should be able to speak English	49.9	42.7	58.8	48.1	48.6	51.1	0.018
i. Finns must know other languages in addition to English	66.8	57.1	65.5	62.2	67.4	87.3	< 0.001
j. For Finns, the mother tongue is more useful than English	80.8	81.1	74.5	82.2	80.7	83.6	0.088
k. English is more useful to Finns than Swedish	82.3	83.6	85.4	81.6	77.6	84.4	0.310
l. The English language enriches our native languages	52.7	57.6	60.3	52.2	45.8	46.3	0.010
m. English skills are overrated	34.0	48.1	35.3	32.5	30.3	27.7	0.001
n. Social services (e.g. healthcare services) must be offered in English as well as in Finnish and Swedish	58.9	47.8	62.2	56.0	56.6	73.5	< 0.001
o. All companies in Finland must offer services also in English	38.8	38.4	50.8	36.0	35.4	35.9	0.001

Table 19.5. The percentages of *strongly agree or agree* by occupation in question 19: “What follows are statements about the importance of English in Finland. Respond to each statement, giving your initial reaction.” The median numbers of respondents are shown above the columns.

1: Managers, 2: Experts, 3: Office and customer service workers, 4: Healthcare workers, 5: Manual workers.

Statement	Occupation						p
	Total respondents	1	2	3	4	5	
	n=1425 %	n=76 %	n=391 %	n=329 %	n=83 %	n=377 %	
a. Young people must know English	97.2	96.1	99.0	97.3	96.4	95.3	0.045
b. People of working age must know English	80.0	84.4	86.7	81.7	77.1	65.7	< 0.001
c. Elderly people must know English	23.2	27.0	25.3	20.4	17.1	17.6	0.054
d. The spread of English in Finland is a threat to our own languages	17.8	18.4	21.3	13.8	19.3	18.7	0.135
e. The spread of English in Finland is a threat to Finnish culture	17.4	19.7	19.7	15.3	17.1	18.4	0.626
f. Finns travelling abroad must know English	69.4	48.1	69.9	71.2	71.1	66.5	0.002
g. Finns can be international without knowing English	49.8	55.3	48.1	47.7	59.0	49.6	0.313
h. It is important for the development of a multicultural society that everybody should be able to speak English	49.9	46.7	49.1	53.8	45.8	43.1	0.076
i. Finns must know other languages in addition to English	66.8	78.7	78.3	65.5	47.0	57.4	< 0.001
j. For Finns, the mother tongue is more useful than English	80.8	81.6	83.5	74.2	81.9	85.4	0.003
k. English is more useful to Finns than Swedish	82.3	78.9	84.4	82.4	75.6	81.0	0.329
l. The English language enriches our native languages	52.7	58.1	43.8	58.1	47.0	56.7	< 0.001
m. English skills are overrated	34.0	44.2	29.6	32.7	34.9	37.9	0.046
n. Social services (e.g. healthcare services) must be offered in English as well as in Finnish and Swedish	58.9	51.3	64.2	62.4	61.4	47.9	< 0.001
o. All companies in Finland must offer services also in English	38.8	36.8	35.1	37.8	47.0	37.2	0.383