

**Table 33.1.** Percentages of respondents who *agree* with statements in question 33: “What is your opinion of the following statements concerning your use of English?” by gender. The distribution does not include respondents who answered *not at all* to all items in question 22. The median numbers of respondents are shown above the columns.

Statement	Respondents with English skills n=1306 %	Gender		p
		Male n=641 %	Female n=665 %	
		a. Using English is as natural to me as using my mother tongue	26.4	
b. I always use English when I have an opportunity to do so	49.7	47.6	51.8	0.122
c. I use English only when it is absolutely necessary	41.0	40.5	41.5	0.700
d. When using English it is important for me to sound fluent	53.7	51.0	56.3	0.055
e. Using English is easier with native speakers than with non-native speakers of English	33.8	30.5	37.0	0.012

**Table 33.2.** Percentages of respondents who *agree* with statements in question 33: “What is your opinion of the following statements concerning your use of English?” by age group. The distribution does not include respondents who answered *not at all* to all items in question 22. The median numbers of respondents are shown above the columns.

Statement	Respondents with English skills n=1306 %	Age				p
		15–24 n=229 %	25–44 n=513 %	45–64 n=465 %	65–79 n=102 %	
		a. Using English is as natural to me as using my mother tongue	26.4	41.4	34.0	
b. I always use English when I have an opportunity to do so	49.7	59.9	62.5	35.6	27.6	< 0.001
c. I use English only when it is absolutely necessary	41.0	33.3	34.9	51.0	44.0	< 0.001
d. When using English it is important for me to sound fluent	53.7	70.7	59.3	45.5	24.1	< 0.001
e. Using English is easier with native speakers than with non-native speakers of English	33.8	37.3	39.3	28.0	25.2	< 0.001

**Table 33.3.** Percentages of respondents who *agree* with statements in question 33: “What is your opinion of the following statements concerning your use of English?” by residential area. The distribution does not include respondents who answered *not at all* to all items in question 22. 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	Respondents with English skills	Area				p
	n=1306	1	2	3	4	
	%	n=596	n=278	n=213	n=220	
a. Using English is as natural to me as using my mother tongue	26.4	37.1	20.3	18.6	12.6	< 0.001
b. I always use English when I have an opportunity to do so	49.7	59.0	44.6	43.4	37.1	< 0.001
c. I use English only when it is absolutely necessary	41.0	33.5	46.0	47.1	49.2	< 0.001
d. When using English it is important for me to sound fluent	53.7	65.5	52.6	41.3	34.8	< 0.001
e. Using English is easier with native speakers than with non-native speakers of English	33.8	39.5	32.4	30.4	23.7	< 0.001

**Table 33.4.** Percentages of respondents who *agree* with statements in question 33: “What is your opinion of the following statements concerning your use of English?” by education. The distribution does not include respondents who answered *not at all* to all items in question 22. 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	Respondents with English skills	Education					p
	n=1306	1	2	3	4	5	
	%	n=74	n=219	n=641	n=144	n=222	
a. Using English is as natural to me as using my mother tongue	26.4	8.2	25.3	20.2	32.6	48.4	< 0.001
b. I always use English when I have an opportunity to do so	49.7	20.8	42.7	47.0	60.6	68.0	< 0.001
c. I use English only when it is absolutely necessary	41.0	44.3	44.1	45.4	34.2	28.3	< 0.001
d. When using English it is important for me to sound fluent	53.7	33.5	48.1	50.2	63.2	69.9	< 0.001
e. Using English is easier with native speakers than with non-native speakers of English	33.8	17.5	32.3	30.9	47.3	40.3	< 0.001

**Table 33.5.** Percentages of respondents who *agree* with statements in question 33: “What is your opinion of the following statements concerning your use of English?” by occupation. The distribution does not include respondents who answered *not at all* to all items in question 22. 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	Respondents	Occupation					p
	with English	1	2	3	4	5	
	skills	n=72	n=394	n=307	n=76	n=299	
	n=1306						
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
a. Using English is as natural to me as using my mother tongue	26.4	40.5	32.8	22.3	12.0	15.3	< 0.001
b. I always use English when I have an opportunity to do so	49.7	61.2	57.3	51.1	48.0	33.6	< 0.001
c. I use English only when it is absolutely necessary	41.0	31.5	36.4	44.4	47.4	48.4	0.005
d. When using English it is important for me to sound fluent	53.7	55.4	60.2	56.8	40.0	39.5	< 0.001
e. Using English is easier with native speakers than with non-native speakers of English	33.8	43.0	35.8	33.2	27.1	30.2	0.151