**Attitudes towards learning questions**

**When should you use these questions?**

These questions may be useful if your project aims to improve participants’ attitudes and motivations to learning. These questions were developed by Blunt & Yang[[1]](#footnote-1), and measure attitudes to adult learning.

**How to use these questions**

These questions can be copied and pasted directly into a questionnaire. It is important to include all nine questions, in order to cover all aspects of attitudes to adult learning.

For the first four questions, choosing ‘disagree’ or ‘strongly disagree’ shows a more positive attitude towards adult learning. For the last five questions, a more positive attitude is shown by choosing ‘agree’ or ‘strongly agree’.

To analyse the results, you can combine separately for each question the number of participants who agreed/strongly agreed, disagreed/strongly disagreed or had no preference.

An overall score for each participant can also be calculated. To do this, assign a number to each answer. For the first four questions, assign a 1 to ‘strongly agree’, a 2 to ‘agree’, a 3 to ‘no preference’, a 4 to ‘disagree’ and a 5 to ‘strongly disagree’. For the last five questions, reverse this by assigning a 5 to ‘strongly agree’, a 4 to ‘agree’, a 3 to ‘no preference’, a 2 to ‘disagree’ and a 1 to ‘strongly disagree’. Add up the total score for each participant. The higher the score, the more positive the overall attitude to adult learning.

**Please select how much you agree or disagree with each statement.**

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|  | Strongly agree | Agree | No preference | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
| Adult education is mostly for people with little else to do. | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| I dislike studying. | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Successful people do not need continuing education. | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| I do not like teachers and classes. | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Money spent on continuing education for employees is money well spent. | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Continuing my education would make me feel better about myself. | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| I enjoy educational activities that allow me to learn with others. | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Continuing education is an important way to help people cope with changes in their lives. | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Continuing education helps people make better use of their lives. | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |

1. Questions are from the Revised Adult Attitudes Toward Adult and Continuing Education Scale, available at https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/074171302400448627 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)