

SURVEY: How do men and women talk in Canada?

This is a short survey that is being conducted by students of *LING 395 – Sociolinguistics*, at the University of Victoria. We are investigating how Canadians think men and women talk. Your participation is completely voluntary, and you may withdraw from participation at any time. If you have questions, please contact the course instructor, Dr. Alexandra D’Arcy, at 250-472-4579.

I agree to participate in this survey.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please provide some background information about yourself. Your identity will remain anonymous.

Age _____	If <i>student</i> : mother’s occupation _____
Gender _____	father’s occupation _____
Ethnicity _____	Born (CA city) _____
Education _____	Raised (CA city) _____
Occupation _____	Current CA city and suburb _____

Gender Survey

For each of the following sentences, indicate by circling the appropriate box whether you think it was more likely said by a man, by a woman, or by either. Then, answer the questions about your choices.

i. ‘Close the door.’	man	woman	either
If you selected ‘man’ or ‘woman’, please explain why you think a speaker of the other gender would be less likely to say this.			
If you selected ‘either’, what would you add or change to make it more like something a woman would say and less like something a man would say?			
Under what circumstances might you use this type of phrasing?			

ii. ‘I was so mad.’	man	woman	either
If you selected ‘man’ or ‘woman’, please explain why you think a speaker of the other gender would be less likely to say this.			
If you selected ‘either’, what would you add or change to make it more like something a woman would say and less like something a man would say?			

Under what circumstances might you use this type of phrasing?

iii. 'Oh dear, the TV set's broken.'	man	woman	either
If you selected 'man' or 'woman', please explain why you think a speaker of the other gender would be less likely to say this.			
If you selected 'either', what would you add or change to make it more like something a woman would say and less like something a man would say?			
Under what circumstances might you use this type of phrasing?			

iv. 'Shit, I've lost my keys.'	man	woman	either
If you selected 'man' or 'woman', please explain why you think a speaker of the other gender would be less likely to say this.			
If you selected 'either', what would you add or change to make it more like something a woman would say and less like something a man would say?			
Under what circumstances might you use this type of phrasing?			

v. 'They did the right thing, didn't they?'	man	woman	either
If you selected 'man' or 'woman', please explain why you think a speaker of the other gender would be less likely to say this.			
If you selected 'either', what would you add or change to make it more like something a woman would say and less like something a man would say?			
Under what circumstances might you use this type of phrasing?			