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Interview-Guideline

"AVALON Participants Interview"

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Grenzenlos Participants

General:

You've recently attended an AVALON Business English Course in Second Life. At first I'd like to get to know a little bit about your language learning background and your first experiences in Second Life:

1. Have you attended other online or offline language courses before?

2. Was your participation in the AVALON course the first time you've got in touch with Second Life?

3. What comes to your mind first when you think about your first steps in Second Life?

4. What were your expectations and motivations for attending a Business English course (a language course) in Second Life? [Did that course meet your expectations?]

The course

5. Thinking back to the Business English Course: were there any special learning scenarios or tasks that seemed very helpful to your learning progress?

6. During the course you came in touch with working on your own, doing group-work as well as teacher-led parts. Thinking back to those learning scenarios, which seemed most productive to you?

Learning in Second Life

7. If you compare language learning in Second Life to other learning you have done before, how would you judge the differences?

   [Does language learning in Second Life differ from learning a language in other online learning scenarios? In which aspects?]

Avatar

8. Could you please describe a special situation or a certain experience you've had with your Avatar on the AVALON Learning Island?

9. How did talking and acting through an Avatar feel like during the course?

10. How did the usage of an Avatar influence your personal learning situation?

11. Was it more important to you to stay anonymous behind your Avatar or did you feel the desire to let your classmates know who you really are in real life or get to know who they are in real life?

12. In your opinion: could a course in Second Life help the participants to overcome the fear of speaking a foreign language? *[Could you please describe your opinion on that?]*

    [Did you have the feeling that speaking through an avatar made it easier to overcome inhibitions of speaking a foreign language?]

Perspective and closing question:

13. If you could magically create [or program] some tools or objects or something else in Second Life that would help you learning a language, what would they be?

14. What do you take with you from that learning experience in Second Life?

15. Have you done anything else again in Second Life after the course? [If yes, what for example?]