Language Variation Survey

- Please complete this survey before your recitation on Friday, November 20, and bring your survey results with you to your recitation.
- You will also discuss your survey results as part of HW #12 (see homework assignment, posted Wed, for specific instructions).

For this survey, please interview four native speakers of American English. Two of them should be people who were born and raised in North Carolina, and two of them should be from out of state.

(a) For each participant, record age, gender, and the city+state where they grew up, plus how long they have lived in NC (if ever).

(b) Answer all four of the following questions for each of your participants.

1. Have your participants read the following sentences. Write down the phonetic transcription of the words pen and pin in IPA symbols as pronounced by each participant.
   
   (a) I couldn’t do my homework, because I lost my pen.
   
   (b) Attach the poster to the bulletin board with this pin.

2. Ask your participants to name the folding waterproof object you put up over your head when it rains. Record what syllable the main stress falls on. (For example, they may say UMbrella or umBRElla.)

3. Ask your participants if the following sentence is something they would ever say if they were talking casually with their friends.

   I’m fixin’ to take my car in for an oil change.

4. Ask your participants to define the word “barbecue”.