

Question in Project:

PIAAC-Longitudinal (PIAAC-L) 2016 - Acquisition of Competencies (English Version)

Question Topic:

Job and career/ Job situation & professional activity

Construct:

Employment in the last week

General Information:

***Note:** This item was tested in German. This is an English translation of the original German wording. The translation does not correspond exactly to the wording in the English [PIAAC source questionnaire](#).*

Introduction:

Now we would like to ask you some more questions about your current job.

[Nun möchten wir Ihnen noch einige Fragen zu Ihrer aktuellen Berufstätigkeit stellen.]

Question Text:

Have you been employed in the last week?

[Waren Sie in der letzten Woche erwerbstätig?]

Instruction:

INT: Employed means that the TP has worked for money for at least 1 hour in the last week. *[INT: Erwerbstätig bedeutet, dass die TP mindestens 1 Stunde in der letzten Woche für Geld gearbeitet hat.]*

Answer Categories:

Yes *[Ja]*

No *[Nein]*

Cognitive Techniques:

Emergent Probing

Findings for Question:

As the frequency table illustrates, out of a total of 18 subjects, 14 were employed in the week prior to the survey. Four test persons (TP 10, 12, 17, 18) were not employed, while three of the four test persons (TP 12, 17, 18) are registered unemployed.

Recommendations:

Question: Question 12 did not cause any problems per se, but difficulties arise in question 13 when the respondents are employed but have been on holiday or sick during the last week. Therefore it would be necessary to ask additionally whether the respondent has worked in the last week:

Have you worked in the last week? [*Haben Sie in der letzten Woche gearbeitet?*]

Answer options:

Yes. [*Ja.*]

No, I was on holiday. [*Nein, ich hatte Urlaub.*]

No, I was sick. [*Nein, ich war krank.*]

No. [*Nein.*]