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- Choose one main, regular assistant
  - Regular data collection (main corpus)
- Other, additional assistants
  - Checking the data

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- Measuring representativity
- Linguistic variation is a fact that should never be ignored or concealed
  - Good descriptions never ignore variation but take it into account

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Choosing your assistant(s)

• Linguistic competence of main assistant

• Knowledge and use of the language

• N.B. Several factors are to be taken into account: categories of speakers

• Fluent speakers, semi-speakers, etc.

• Grammatical competence vs. communicative competence: good knowledge of grammar, but bad storyteller ; etc.

• How did (s)he learn his/her language

• Check the nature of conditions
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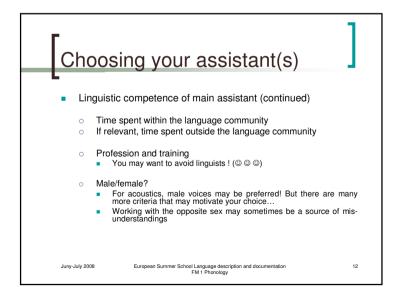
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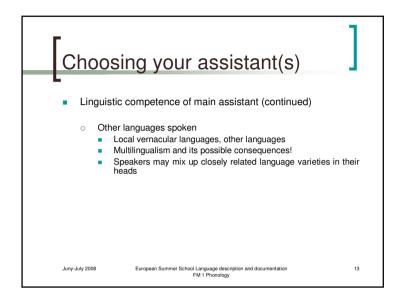
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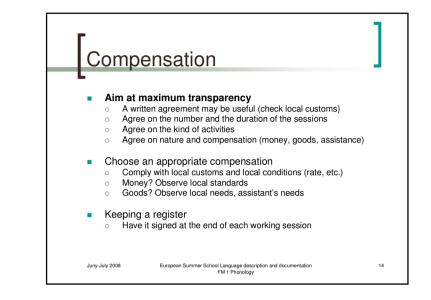
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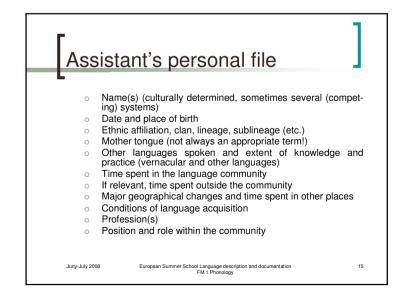
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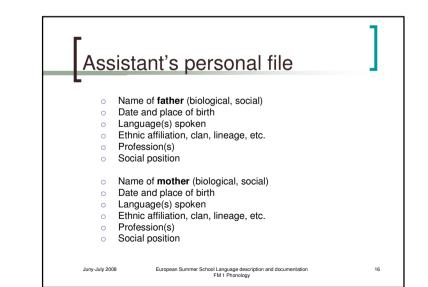
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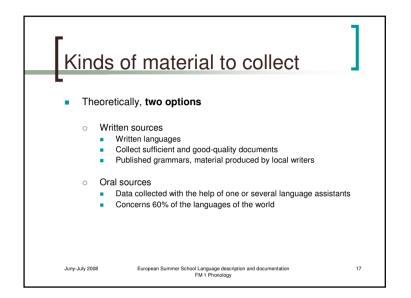


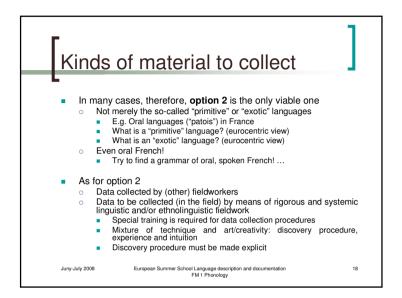


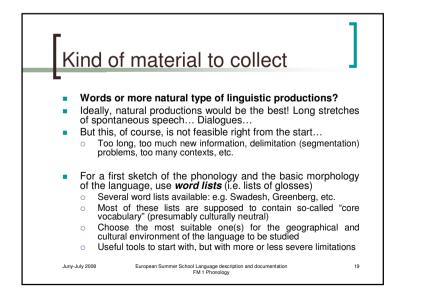






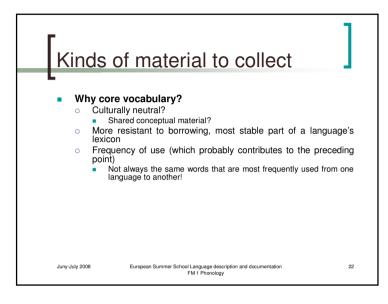


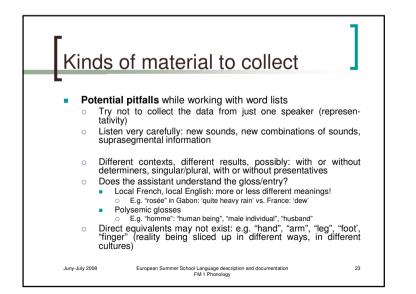


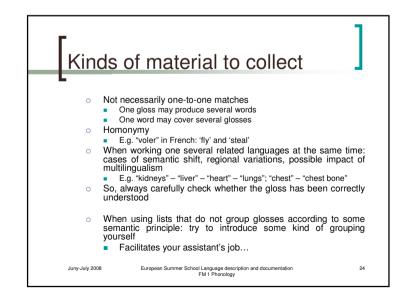




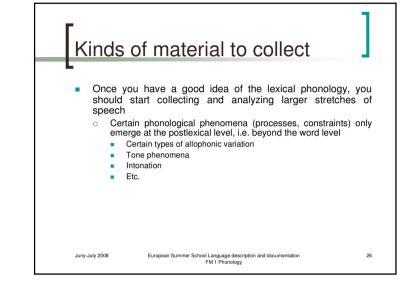




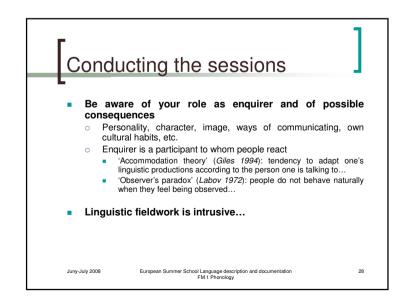


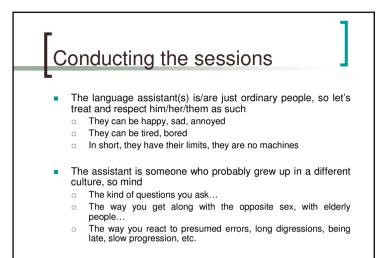












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- A well-prepared protocol is essential, but it should leave some room ("souplesse") for improvisation and (limited) diaressions
  - Interesting information may emerge thanks to (short) digressions

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