

National Public Radio (NPR) Interview with Bud Lane, language teacher of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

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1. Why do you think it was difficult for Siletz people to speak their language in public?

(AUDIO: 2:40)

Example answer: Tribal members were discouraged from speaking their Native languages in public.

2. What makes it challenging to revitalize the language?

(AUDIO: 3:40)

Example answer: There must be a need to use the language. English is the primary language used in most public places.

3. Why is it important to be innovative in teaching the language?

(AUDIO: 4:50)

Example answer: You want to motivate young children to learn the language, songs, and traditional ceremonies.

4. What would you lose if the language vanished?

(AUDIO: 7:10)

Example answer: You would lose your people's past and present view of the world.

5. What is the importance of place names and mapping projects?

(AUDIO: 12:00)

Example answer: It is important to know the meaning of the place names in the Native language because of the teachings attached to the names.