

# Guidelines for Reading & Vocabulary Log 3

Linguistics 12 - Spring 2009

Please type your answers and hand them in at class time Monday, April 20.

## Part 1: Understanding the main points

Answer each of the following questions briefly (about 70 words, on average, per answer). Use your own words, primarily, but you may quote sparingly (at most five quoted words per paragraph, and at most twenty quoted words for the whole summary). You should write about 900 words total.

Write in an academic style: this means that anyone could understand your summary, whether or not they have read these interviews, and whether or not they have read the questions on this page. Do not number your answers or repeat the questions verbatim.

Please use Word's "word count" tool to count the words in this section of your log. ([This link tells you how.](#)) Then write the word count at the end of the section. Format your assignment like an academic paper: double-spaced, and so forth, as described on the web page entitled "[paper format.](#)"

(Questions 1-4 are based on "Caveat Donor" by Yudhijit Bhattacharjee.)

1. How much money was Amit Kumar offering poor men to become organ donors? How much money was that relative to the prevailing wages of that country's very poor?
2. Was Kumar's operation legal? Explain.
3. Discuss the likelihood that the money Kumar promised would be paid out.
4. Discuss the likelihood that the money Kumar paid out would go toward drugs, alcohol and prostitution.

(Questions 5-6 are based on "Habeas Corpus" By Guoqi Wang.)

5. Briefly describe the ethical lapses alleged against the Chinese government in this testimonial.
6. Discuss the effect that the profit motive could have on China's decision to imprison and execute so many Chinese citizens.

(Questions 7-9 are based on "The New Cannibalism" by Nancy Scheper-Hughes.)

7. Explain why organ donation has to be considered an "artificially created need" that can "never...be satisfied" (§§ 7-9).
8. Discuss the class-based inequities in organ transplantation that are implied in §§ 12-13.
9. Summarize the argument (§§ 29-32) for organ "gifting" as "an ethically 'neutral' practice."

(Questions 10-13 are based on your own opinion.)

10. Some organs, such as a kidney, can be donated while you are alive. Would you donate an organ in exchange for money? How much money would it take to convince you? Explain.
11. Suppose you were suffering from kidney disease and awaiting an organ transplant. Suppose further that you had the opportunity to shorten your wait by accepting a donated kidney from a poor country like Brazil or India where the donor submitted to the procedure out of desperation?
12. Extending your answer to the previous question, would your decision to accept a donated organ be influenced by the knowledge that the donor might have been cheated by a ring of organ "thieves," or by the knowledge that the donor may have been paid a sum that he then squandered on drugs, alcohol, and prostitutes?
13. Organ transplant recipients in this country often wait a long time for an organ to become available; some even die of their illnesses before they can find a suitable donor. If you were so ill that only a donated organ would save your life, and you had to money, would you travel to a country like China where donated organs are available without long waiting lists to those who can afford it? Explain your answer, in light of Guoqi Wang's testimony before Congress.

## Part 2: Vocabulary

For this week's vocabulary assignment, go to

[http://www.esl.ucsb.edu/people/rightmire/ling12/LearningLog3v\\_S09.pdf](http://www.esl.ucsb.edu/people/rightmire/ling12/LearningLog3v_S09.pdf)