**Cambridge interview for linguistics**

For the college I applied for they did **two interviews and an hour long written test**.

Example **tests**are usually posted on the preparation page of the website and the structure is the same each time. Usually there’s:

- a list of phrases or words that you have to annotate with ideas

- a list of sentences from which you have to decipher the points of interest for

a linguist

-and finally a section of a foreign language that you have to compare to English.

The **first interview** was very broadly related to my personal statement. The main focus was the place of language in society. They asked:

-How language has adapted/accommodated for social media with specific examples and where these features of technology may have been present pre-technology.

-How gender, class, ethnicity affect language.

-Does language shape the way we think or does the way we think shape language?

The **second interview** was broadly focussed of the SAQ which is like a second application that is sent directly to Cambridge.  Here they asked:

-If a country doesn't have the word ‘liberty,’ do they still understand liberty (Sapir-Whorf)?

- The way I think that language will develop in the future in terms of pronouns, adjectives and nouns and how society influences these changes. The example they gave was transgender identities potentially leading to a singular and plural form of 'they'.

-They then presented me with a transcript of a tribal language in the interview and asked me to pick out and suggest reasons for variations within the language and to focus on pronunciation and phonology relating to the variation.