# Today's topics:

- Course conclusions
- About final presentations

#### Background:

Article contribution reports / presentation prep

#### 0. Course info and announcements

- Article report #1 feedback still in progress
- Upcoming schedule of assignments and deadlines:
  - Article report #2 now due F Dec 6, 11:59pm
  - RE #5 also due F Dec 6, 11:59pm
  - Final presentation slides due Th Dec 12, 2pm
  - Final presentations are Th Dec 12, 4-7pm
    (in our regular classroom)
    - Attendance is required Support your classmates!
    - There will be a short break with snacks

## 0. Today's key points

- Looking back over the course
- Article reports: General feedback / reminders
  - Review: Strategies for making data graphics
- Final presentations: Info and questions
- Workshop time
  - Course evaluations
  - Article contribution report #2
  - Final presentation

### 1. Looking back on this course

#### Let's make a word cloud

Go to <u>www.menti.com</u> and enter the code **38 12 121** 



 What three terms or concepts stand out to you from this course?

### 1. Looking back on this course

#### Some key themes from the semester

- Controversies over reading education
- Mental grammar, linguistic analysis, and the structure of English / of human language
- How visual information is processed in reading
- Reading = decoding and comprehension
- Digesting research articles
  Interpreting data graphics

- The goal of the article report assignments is to give you an opportunity to read each article carefully and understand it before using it for your presentation
  - You will understand the article best if you explain it in **your own words** as far as possible

- Some points about citations
  - For something specific from the article, like a definition, some data, a data graphic, etc., be sure to give a **page-number citation**
  - Note that using text from the article's author(s) without citing the source is plagiarism!
  - Make sure you are using the <u>specified citation</u> format for citations in the text and in the bibliography

- About data graphics
  - Just as for the article presentations, we are interested in data graphics that help communicate the answers to one or more research questions
  - So, when you cite or create a data graphic in your article report, choose one that is meaningful for your RQ of interest

Review:

What are some options for **making** a data graphic?

- A web site with <u>demos</u> of different data graphics
  - Excel tips: [basic] [more advanced]
- Simple bar graphs can often be useful!
  Or, sometimes a more compact/efficient variation
  - Variation: **Stacked bar graphs** (raw values or %)
  - Variation: **Dot** or **line** graphs allow two dimensions of comparison
- Scatterplots help demonstrate the relationship between two factors
- Your articles may demonstrate other graph types

Any other questions about article reports?

### 3. Planning your presentation

- For most projects, the general structure will be:
  - Your overall main point or topic
  - Data graphic from one article present, discuss, relate to your main point
  - DG from the other article same
  - Conclusions
- How much info from the articles to present?
  - Only enough to put the data graphics in context
    - Make them understandable
    - Relate them to your main point

### 3. Planning your presentation

- Grading criteria for presentation now available (see <u>Final project info & resources</u> web page)
  - Any questions or clarifications to raise?

#### 4. Workshop time / Course evaluations

- Please use the link you got in email to complete your course evaluation for LING 60
  - I value your feedback for planning future courses!
  - What worked well for you?
  - Do you have any suggestions?
- In addition, please complete the special evaluation from the FYS office (link in Canvas Annoucement)
- Workshop time: An opportunity to work on Article Report #2 | RE #5 | Presentation slides
  - Confer with me or with classmates