

## 1. FIELDWORK INSTRUCTIONS

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- Collect names in **current usage**
- Ascertain their proper spelling (and meaning and pronunciation)
- Indicate location of the named object (see [Chapter 12](#) on Graphic techniques for showing extent of named objects)

*Current usage:* a name in current usage is used on a day to day basis by the local population in order to refer to a specific feature or object

- Current usage can be opposed to historical usage
- Legal usage ( = used on legal documents)
- Legislated usage ( = used in laws)
- Verbal usage (used in oral communication)
- Written usage

*Current usage* can be further defined as:

**current legal** usage or

current **legislated** usage, or

**current verbal** usage or

current **written** usage.

Remember that **current usage** can depend on:

- *Age classes:* young people might use other names than old people for the same object.
- *Social classes:* Persons may use other names for the same object when speaking to people belonging to higher or lower social groups.
- *Time (1):* In winter and summer different features are visible in the Arctic, so different name sets are used.
- *Time (2):* In nomadic areas different language groups using different names for the same objects might be present at different times during the year.
- *Time (3):* During specific periods topographical features like towns might be called by different, for religious and cultural purposes, like *carnival*.
- *Language groups:* In multilingual areas different language groups would use different names for the same objects.
- *Gender:* In some areas men and women might use different sets of names for the same objects.

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