Our latest survey asked respondents what they call athletic shoes. Most of our participants were from Ontario, and the overwhelming choice was “running shoes”. “Sneakers” and “runners” were also used by our Ontario participants, and these latter two terms were used by speakers from other areas as well. BC respondents were the only others to use “runners”, but our low number of responses outside of Ontario makes it difficult to draw any conclusions.

We received some interesting responses from those who grew up outside of Canada. Two Americans said “tennis shoes”, and international respondents chose “plimsoles”, and “trainers”. “Trainers” was also used by an Ontario respondent. For comparison, to the right is a map of results from a survey by The 10 and 3.

Thank you to all who participated!

New surveys and results from previous surveys will be posted every 2 weeks.

Note: Results are from posters in two locations: outside the Strathy Language Unit (Macintosh-Corry F406) and the 3rd floor of Kingston Hall (Linguistics Board). Learn more about the Strathy Language Unit at: queensu.ca/strathy.