Asking the Experts:

a teacher-researcher’s perspective

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Points of attention

… the participants

Points of tension

… the process
Joy ~

the childcare manager,
the telephone
and the two year-old.

Points of attention

Participants were expert and articulate on the subject of their own language learning.
I fed her lunch and then I - I hope she can stay - stay there for one or two hours. But the director say I should take her back because when - after I go she will continue to crying - and it's sleeping time... So ah actually the man ring up me he want me tell- to tell him about what's- what things my daughter like. What kind of toy and ah what- what food she like - something like that. I should give him some information ... But I mistake his meaning...

... So after I go there I have to pick up her...The director didn't allow me to leave her.

T-R: This was a telephone conversation right?

Yeah... it's very difficult for me to understand. Because when - when I heard my daughter ah was keep crying four hours ah I- I worry. I'm very worry - I worry about - worried about she.
Sri ~

talks to a TAFE friend about evenings at home.

Sometime my husband get stress . . . when he come home I must have time to listen his talking. He want to share about .. his day. Even when I have homework it’s okay. Listen and I write. On the computer. Okay... I must listen to my little one and to him.

TAFE classmate: And who listens to you?

Yeah I just listen ... talk to myself. [Laughter]
Maria ~
the pre-emptive strike.

My English is not very well...

Points of tension

“I felt guilt because I knew Mirsada longed for the rich social life she had left behind…. Although I was a poor substitute...I knew she enjoyed having me visit.”

Huisman, K 2008 “Does this mean you’re not going to come visit me anymore?” An enquiry into an Ethics of Reciprocity and Positionality in Feminist Ethnographic research.
Sociological Inquiry, Vol. xx, No. x, xxx
Points of tension

between the claims of ‘normal’ social engagement and the claims of the research agenda.

Nina ~

I am here and I won’t leave until 19 Sept, but may I withdraw from the research? i feel stress, sorry
“If it helps you.”
The wet picnic ~

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