

## Input - Forums characteristics

- 1) Explore the forum and find more about the characteristics mentioned in the chart. Do not forget to mention where you can find them or the textual tips that helped you identify them. *You can access the forum by typing <https://www.quora.com/Why-is-English-the-one-and-only-international-language> in the address bar of your Internet browser.*

| <b>Forums Characteristics Guide</b>   | <b>Answers &amp; Evidences</b> |
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| Question (What is the question in this forum?)  |                                |
| Answers (How many answers are there in the forum?)  |                                |
| Language (Is it formal or informal? Is it verbal or non-verbal?)  |                                |
| Use of arguments (Do people use arguments or write only their opinions? Which arguments are used?)  |                                |
| Relevance (Does it add new information to the discussion? Is it relevant or is it a joke?)  |                                |
| References (Do participants make reference to materials, websites and authors where they found the information? Do they cite other works and write where to find them?) |                                |
| Agreeing and disagreeing (Do people agree/disagree with other participants? How do they do so?)   |                                |
| Behavior (How do people behave in this particular forum? Are they polite? Sarcastic?)   |                                |
| Participants (Who are they? Who can participate in this forum?)   |                                |
| Interaction (How do people interact with each other in this forum?)   |                                |
| Objective (Why has one created this forum? What do they want from it?)  |                                |