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Annette McDougal

Wellsville, Utah

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### Children's Folklore

#### Informant:

Annette is my mom. She was raised in Tremonton Utah. She's lived in Garland UT, Colorado, and now resides in Wellsville Utah. She is 44, has 4 kids and is a stay at home mom.

#### Context:

I was home over Thanksgiving break and was able to find time before the family party to sit with my mom and ask her about her this secret language I remembered she had told me about several years earlier. I also had two of my best friends over at my house with me and they were able to hear everything Annette had to say about the language "ib." During some voice demonstrations, they had to hold in their laughter because I had asked them to for the interview but it was a funny time that even brought my mom to tears. My mom was taught "ib" by her best friend Brandi when she was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Now, an adult she is still impressively able to speak the language fluently.

#### Text:

Me: Alright mom, tell me about this language that you made up. How is it spoken?

Annette: You but and IB in front of every vowel

Me: Say my name

Annette: Tiblibr [hysterical laughter from everybody]

[long pause]

Me: Do you still say the vowel then?

Annette: ...uhm ahhh I don't know.

Me: Ok, tell me how old were you when you learned to speak... this.

Annette: I don't remember, like fifth grade-ish? My just friend taught me... she was very good. There was just like four or five of us that spoke it

**Texture:**

She seemed embarrassed to speak it in front of my roommates and I when we went to interview her and spend the morning with her. She laughed a lot, it brought back good memories and the language brought her to tears of laughter. Almost everything was said in a manner of hilarity.

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