How to make a sub-sample of your data

Working with sub samples is important

In your data, you have all the questionnaires, even those that did not work or were answered by people who didn't speak French well etc.

A sub-sample just means that you choose which questionnaires to work with.

You may wish to only test your hypotheses on the young speakers, or immigrant speakers or French speakers who were raised in France.

The choice is up to you, but it must be "raisonée". :)

Step 1.

Select all the data - make sure all the columns are selected.

Step 2.

Sort the data - sort the data relative to what variable / column you wish to use to create a sub-sample. For example, if you wish to look only at young people's grammatciality, use age, if you wish to only look at immigrants, use origin etc etc etc.

NOTE: In the sort function, make sure you have the option "has headers" selected when you sort. This tells the spread sheet app that you are using that the first row is not actually data but the name of your data:) This is crucial!

Step 3.

Copy and paste the labels (the headers) from the data into a new sheet Copy the rows that you are interested in and paste them into that sheet (below the headers) That new sheet is your sub-sample! Simple!