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Student Questionnaire

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Directions

In this booklet, you will find questions about yourself. Some questions ask for facts while other questions ask for your opinion.

Each question is followed by a number of answers. Shade in the circle next to or under the answer of your choice as shown in Examples 1, 2, and 3.

Example 1

Do you go to school?

Fill one circle only.

Yes --

No --

Example 2

How often do you do these things?

Fill one circle for each line.

	Every day or almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Never or almost never
a) I talk with my friends	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I play sports	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I ride a skateboard	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Example 3

What do you think? Tell how much you agree with these statements.

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) Watching movies is fun	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I like eating ice cream	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I do not like waking up early	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I enjoy doing chores	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

- Read each question carefully, and pick the answer you think is best.
- Fill in the circle next to or under your answer.
- If you decide to change your answer, draw an **X** through your first answer, like this: . Then, fill in the circle next to or under your new answer.
- Ask for help if you do not understand something or are not sure how to answer.

About you

1

Are you a girl or a boy?

Fill one circle only.

Girl --

Boy --

2

When were you born?

Fill the circles next to the month and year you were born.

a) Month

b) Year

January --

1993 --

February --

1994 --

March --

1995 --

April --

1996 --

May --

1997 --

June --

1998 --

July --

1999 --

August --

2000 --

September --

2001 --

October --

Other --

November --

December --

3

How often do you speak <language of test> at home?

Fill one circle only.

Always --

Almost always --

Sometimes --

Never --

4

About how many books are there in your home? (Do not count magazines, newspapers, or your school books.)

Fill one circle only.

None or very few
(0–10 books) --

Enough to fill one shelf
(11–25 books) --

Enough to fill one bookcase
(26–100 books) --

Enough to fill two bookcases
(101–200 books) --

Enough to fill three or more bookcases
(more than 200) --

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Do you have any of these things at your home?

*Fill **one** circle for each line.*

- | | Yes | No |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) Computer | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) Study desk/table for your use | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) Books of your very own (do not count your school books) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d) Your own room | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e) Internet connection | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f) <country-specific indicator of wealth> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g) <country-specific indicator of wealth> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| h) <country-specific indicator of wealth> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| i) <country-specific indicator of wealth> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| j) <country-specific indicator of wealth> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| k) <country-specific indicator of wealth> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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A. What is the highest level of education completed by your mother <or stepmother or female guardian>?

Fill one circle only.

- Some <ISCED Level 1 or 2 > or did not go to school -----
- <ISCED Level 2> -----
- <ISCED Level 3> -----
- <ISCED Level 4> -----
- <ISCED Level 5B> -----
- <ISCED Level 5A, first degree> -----
- Beyond <ISCED Level 5A, first degree> -----
- I don't know -----

B. What is the highest level of education completed by your father <or stepfather or male guardian>?

Fill one circle only.

- Some <ISCED Level 1 or 2 > or did not go to school -----
- <ISCED Level 2> -----
- <ISCED Level 3> -----
- <ISCED Level 4> -----
- <ISCED Level 5B> -----
- <ISCED Level 5A, first degree> -----
- Beyond <ISCED Level 5A, first degree> -----
- I don't know -----

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How far in your education do you expect to go?

Fill one circle only.

Finish <ISCED Level 2> -----

Finish <ISCED Level 3> -----

Finish <ISCED Level 4> -----

Finish <ISCED Level 5B> -----

Finish <ISCED Level 5A, first degree> -----

Beyond <ISCED Level 5A, first degree> -----

I don't know -----

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A. Was your mother <or stepmother or female guardian> born in <country>?

Fill one circle only.

Yes --

No --

B. Was your father <or stepfather or male guardian> born in <country>?

Fill one circle only.

Yes --

No --

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A. Were you born in <country>?

Fill one circle only.

Yes -- 

(If Yes, go to question 10)

No --

B. If you were not born in <country>, how old were you when you came to <country>?

Fill one circle only.

Older than 10 years old --

5 to 10 years old --

Younger than 5 years old --

10

How often do you use a computer in each of these places?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Every day or almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Never or almost never
a) At home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) At school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Some other place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11

How often do the following things happen at home?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Every day or almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Never or almost never
a) My parents ask me what I am learning in school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I talk about my schoolwork with my parents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) My parents make sure that I set aside time for my homework	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) My parents check if I do my homework	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Your School

12

What do you think about your school? Tell how much you agree with these statements.

Fill **one** circle for each line.

- | | Agree
a lot | Agree
a little | Disagree
a little | Disagree
a lot |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) I like being in school | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) I feel safe when I am at school | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) I feel like I belong at this school | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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During this year, how often have any of the following things happened to you at school?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

- | | At least
once a
week | Once or
twice
a month | A few
times
a year | Never |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| a) I was made fun of or called names - | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) I was left out of games or activities
by other students | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) Someone spread lies about me | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d) Something was stolen from me | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e) I was hit or hurt by other student(s)
(e.g., <i>shoving, hitting, kicking</i>) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f) I was made to do things I didn't
want to do by other students | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Mathematics in School

14

How much do you agree with these statements about learning mathematics?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I enjoy learning mathematics -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I wish I did not have to study mathematics -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Mathematics is boring -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I learn many interesting things in mathematics -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I like mathematics -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) It is important to do well in mathematics -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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How much do you agree with these statements about your mathematics lessons?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I know what my teacher expects me to do	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I think of things not related to the lesson	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) My teacher is easy to understand --	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I am interested in what my teacher says	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) My teacher gives me interesting things to do	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16

How much do you agree with these statements about mathematics?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

- | | Agree
a lot | Agree
a little | Disagree
a little | Disagree
a lot |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) I usually do well in mathematics --- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) Mathematics is more difficult
for me than for many of
my classmates ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) Mathematics is not one of
my strengths ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d) I learn things quickly
in mathematics ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e) Mathematics makes me confused
and nervous ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f) I am good at working out
difficult mathematics problems ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g) My teacher thinks I can do well in
mathematics <programs/classes/
lessons> with difficult materials --- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| h) My teacher tells me I am good at
mathematics ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| i) Mathematics is harder for me
than any other subject ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

16 (continued)

How much do you agree with these statements about mathematics?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
j) I think learning mathematics will help me in my daily life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k) I need mathematics to learn other school subjects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
l) I need to do well in mathematics to get into the <university> of my choice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
m) I need to do well in mathematics to get the job I want	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
n) I would like a job that involves using mathematics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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How much do you agree with these statements about learning science?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I enjoy learning science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I wish I did not have to study science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I read about science in my spare time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Science is boring	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I learn many interesting things in science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) I like science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) It is important to do well in science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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How much do you agree with these statements about your science lessons?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I know what my teacher expects me to do	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I think of things not related to the lesson	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) My teacher is easy to understand --	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I am interested in what my teacher says	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) My teacher gives me interesting things to do	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19

How much do you agree with these statements about science?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

- | | Agree
a lot | Agree
a little | Disagree
a little | Disagree
a lot |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) I usually do well in science | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) Science is more difficult for me
than for many of my classmates ---- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) Science is not one of
my strengths | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d) I learn things quickly
in science | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e) Science makes me confused
and nervous | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f) I am good at working out
difficult science problems | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g) My teacher thinks I can do well in
science <programs/classes/
lessons> with difficult materials --- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| h) My teacher tells me I am good
at science | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| i) Science is harder for me than
any other subject | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

19 (continued)

How much do you agree with these statements about science?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
j) I think learning science will help me in my daily life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k) I need science to learn other school subjects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
l) I need to do well in science to get into the <university> of my choice -	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
m) I need to do well in science to get the job I want	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
n) I would like a job that involves using science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Homework

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A. How often does your teacher give you homework in mathematics?

Fill one circle only.

Every day --

3 or 4 times a week --

1 or 2 times a week --

Less than once a week --

Never --

B. When your teacher gives you mathematics homework, about how many minutes do you usually spend on your homework?

Fill one circle only.

My teacher never gives me homework in mathematics --

1–15 minutes -

16–30 minutes --

31–60 minutes --

61–90 minutes --

More than 90 minutes --

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A. How often does your teacher give you homework in science?

Fill one circle only.

- Every day --
- 3 or 4 times a week --
- 1 or 2 times a week --
- Less than once a week --
- Never --

B. When your teacher gives you science homework, about how many minutes do you usually spend on your homework?

Fill one circle only.

- My teacher never gives me homework in science --
- 1–15 minutes -
- 16–30 minutes --
- 31–60 minutes --
- 61–90 minutes --
- More than 90 minutes --



Thank You!

Thank you for filling out the questionnaire!



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