



Reading

Student Background Questionnaire

2003
Grade 4

SECTION 3

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In this section, please tell us about yourself and your family. The section has 15 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet.

1. Are you Hispanic or Latino? Fill in **one or more ovals**.

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- Ⓐ No, I am not Hispanic or Latino.
- Ⓑ Yes, I am Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano.
- Ⓒ Yes, I am Puerto Rican or Puerto Rican American.
- Ⓓ Yes, I am Cuban or Cuban American.
- Ⓔ Yes, I am from some other Hispanic or Latino background.

2. Which of the following best describes you? Fill in **one or more ovals**.

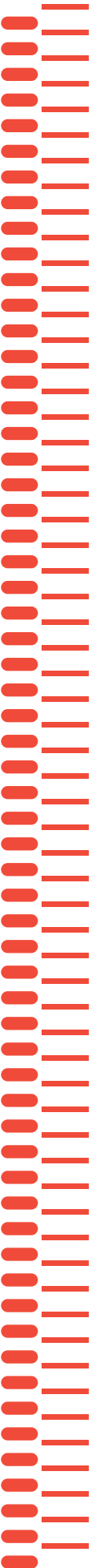
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- Ⓐ White
- Ⓑ Black or African American
- Ⓒ Asian
- Ⓓ American Indian or Alaska Native
- Ⓔ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

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For the rest of the questions in this section, fill in only **one** oval for each question.

3. Does your family get a newspaper at least four times a week? VB331333
- (A) Yes
- (B) No
- (C) I don't know.
4. Does your family get any magazines regularly? VB331334
- (A) Yes
- (B) No
- (C) I don't know.
5. About how many books are there in your home? VB331335
- (A) Few (0-10)
- (B) Enough to fill one shelf (11-25)
- (C) Enough to fill one bookcase (26-100)
- (D) Enough to fill several bookcases (more than 100)
6. Is there a computer at home that you use? VB331336
- (A) Yes
- (B) No
7. Is there an encyclopedia in your home? It could be a set of books, or it could be on the computer. VB331337
- (A) Yes
- (B) No
- (C) I don't know.
8. Is there a world atlas in your home? It could be a book of maps of the world, or it could be on the computer. VB331338
- (A) Yes
- (B) No
- (C) I don't know.
9. About how many pages a day do you have to read in school and for homework? TB001101
- (A) 5 or fewer
- (B) 6-10
- (C) 11-15
- (D) 16-20
- (E) More than 20



10. How often do you talk about things you have studied in school with someone in your family?
VB331339
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
 - Ⓑ Once every few weeks
 - Ⓒ About once a week
 - Ⓓ Two or three times a week
 - Ⓔ Every day
11. On a school day, about how many hours do you usually watch TV or videotapes outside of school?
VB331340
- Ⓐ None
 - Ⓑ 1 hour or less
 - Ⓒ 2 or 3 hours
 - Ⓓ 4 or 5 hours
 - Ⓔ 6 hours or more
12. How many days were you absent from school in the last month?
VB331447
- Ⓐ None
 - Ⓑ 1 or 2 days
 - Ⓒ 3 or 4 days
 - Ⓓ 5 to 10 days
 - Ⓔ More than 10 days
13. How far in school did your mother go?
VB330870
- Ⓐ She did not finish high school.
 - Ⓑ She graduated from high school.
 - Ⓒ She had some education after high school.
 - Ⓓ She graduated from college.
 - Ⓔ I don't know.
14. How far in school did your father go?
VB330871
- Ⓐ He did not finish high school.
 - Ⓑ He graduated from high school.
 - Ⓒ He had some education after high school.
 - Ⓓ He graduated from college.
 - Ⓔ I don't know.
15. How often do people in your home talk to each other in a language other than English?
VB331451
- Ⓐ Never
 - Ⓑ Once in a while
 - Ⓒ About half of the time
 - Ⓓ All or most of the time



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This section is about reading and writing. The section has 24 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question.

Questions 1–4. The following questions are about reading and writing. For each question, please mark the answer that best describes you.

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1. When I read books, I learn a lot.

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- Ⓐ This is not like me.
- Ⓑ This is a little like me.
- Ⓒ This is a lot like me.

3. Writing things like stories or letters is one of my favorite activities.

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- Ⓐ This is not like me.
- Ⓑ This is a little like me.
- Ⓒ This is a lot like me.

2. Reading is one of my favorite activities.

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- Ⓐ This is not like me.
- Ⓑ This is a little like me.
- Ⓒ This is a lot like me.

4. Writing helps me share my ideas.

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- Ⓐ This is not like me.
- Ⓑ This is a little like me.
- Ⓒ This is a lot like me.

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5. How often do you read for fun on your own time?

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- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once or twice a month
- Ⓒ Once or twice a week
- Ⓓ Almost every day

6. How often do you talk with your friends or family about something you have read?

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- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once or twice a month
- Ⓒ Once or twice a week
- Ⓓ Almost every day

7. How often do you write in a private diary or journal outside of school?

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- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once or twice a month
- Ⓒ Once or twice a week
- Ⓓ Almost every day

8. How often do you write stories or poems for fun outside of school?

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- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once or twice a month
- Ⓒ Once or twice a week
- Ⓓ Almost every day

9. How often do you write e-mails to your friends or family?

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- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once or twice a month
- Ⓒ Once or twice a week
- Ⓓ Almost every day



10. How often do you read stories or poems for fun outside of school?

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- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ At least once a week

11. How often do you read to learn about real things (such as facts about dinosaurs or other countries) for fun outside of school?

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- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ At least once a week

12. How often do you read stories or articles that you find on the Internet for fun outside of school?

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- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ At least once a week

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13. For school this year, how often do you have a class discussion about something that the class has read?
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- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
 - Ⓑ A few times a year
 - Ⓒ Once or twice a month
 - Ⓓ At least once a week
14. For school this year, how often do you work in pairs or small groups to talk about something that you have read?
VB345704
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
 - Ⓑ A few times a year
 - Ⓒ Once or twice a month
 - Ⓓ At least once a week
15. For school this year, how often do you write in a journal about something that you have read for class?
VB345705
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
 - Ⓑ A few times a year
 - Ⓒ Once or twice a month
 - Ⓓ At least once a week
16. So far this year, how many times have you written a book report?
VB345707
- Ⓐ Never
 - Ⓑ Once
 - Ⓒ 2 or 3 times
 - Ⓓ 4 or 5 times
 - Ⓔ 6 or more times
17. So far this year, how many times have you made a presentation to the class about something that you have read?
VB345708
- Ⓐ Never
 - Ⓑ Once
 - Ⓒ 2 or 3 times
 - Ⓓ 4 or 5 times
 - Ⓔ 6 or more times
18. So far this year, how many times have you done a school project about something that you have read (for example, written a play, created a poster)?
VB345709
- Ⓐ Never
 - Ⓑ Once
 - Ⓒ 2 or 3 times
 - Ⓓ 4 or 5 times
 - Ⓔ 6 or more times



Questions 19-22. The following questions ask about the subjects that you study in school this year.

19. How often do you read paperbacks, softcover books, or magazines for **reading**? VB345711
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
Ⓑ A few times a year
Ⓒ Once or twice a month
Ⓓ At least once a week
20. How often do you read paperbacks, softcover books, puzzle books, or magazines for **science**? VB345712
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
Ⓑ A few times a year
Ⓒ Once or twice a month
Ⓓ At least once a week
21. How often do you read paperbacks, softcover books, or magazines for **social studies or history**? VB345713
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
Ⓑ A few times a year
Ⓒ Once or twice a month
Ⓓ At least once a week
22. How often do you read paperbacks, softcover books, puzzle books, or magazines for **math**? VB345714
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
Ⓑ A few times a year
Ⓒ Once or twice a month
Ⓓ At least once a week

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23. For school this year, how often have you been asked to write long answers to questions on tests or assignments that involved reading?

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ Once or twice this year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ At least once a week

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24. When you have reading assignments in school, how often does your teacher give you time to read books you have chosen yourself?

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once or twice a month
- Ⓒ Once or twice a week
- Ⓓ Almost every day

