



Reading

Student Background Questionnaire

2005
Grade 4

SECTION 3

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In this section, please tell us about yourself and your family. The section has 11 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet.

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

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

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

- (A) White
- (B) Black or African American
- (C) Asian
- (D) American Indian or Alaska Native
- (E) 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. 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
9. How often do you talk about things you have studied in school with someone in your family? VB331339
- (A) Never or hardly ever
(B) Once every few weeks
(C) About once a week
(D) Two or three times a week
(E) Every day



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10. How many days were you absent from school in the last month?

- Ⓐ None
- Ⓑ 1 or 2 days
- Ⓒ 3 or 4 days
- Ⓓ 5 to 10 days
- Ⓔ More than 10 days

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11. How often do people in your home talk to each other in a language other than English?

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ Once in a while
- Ⓒ About half of the time
- Ⓓ All or most of the time



SECTION 4

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This section has 22 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question.

1. When I read books, I learn a lot. VB345686
- Ⓐ 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. VB345687
- Ⓐ This is not like me.
- Ⓑ This is a little like me.
- Ⓒ This is a lot like me.
3. How often do you read for fun on your own time? VB345692
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once or twice a month
- Ⓒ Once or twice a week
- Ⓓ Almost every day
4. How often do you talk with your friends or family about something you have read? VB345693
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once or twice a month
- Ⓒ Once or twice a week
- Ⓓ Almost every day
5. How often do you read stories or poems for fun outside of school? VB345699
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ At least once a week
6. How often do you read to learn about real things (such as facts about dinosaurs or other countries) for fun outside of school? VB345700
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ At least once a week

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

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

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8. For school this year, how often do you have a class discussion about something that the class has read?

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

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9. For school this year, how often do you work in pairs or small groups to talk about something that you have read?

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

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10. For school this year, how often do you write in a journal about something that you have read for class?

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

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11. So far this year, how many times have you written a book report?

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ Once
- Ⓒ 2 or 3 times
- Ⓓ 4 or 5 times
- Ⓔ 6 or more times

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12. So far this year, how many times have you made a presentation to the class about something that you have read?

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ Once
- Ⓒ 2 or 3 times
- Ⓓ 4 or 5 times
- Ⓔ 6 or more times



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13. 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)?

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ Once
- Ⓒ 2 or 3 times
- Ⓓ 4 or 5 times
- Ⓔ 6 or more times

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14. 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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15. 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

Questions 16–19. The following questions ask about the subjects that you study in school this year.

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



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20. How hard was this test compared to most other tests you have taken this year in school?

- Ⓐ Easier than other tests
- Ⓑ About as hard as other tests
- Ⓒ Harder than other tests
- Ⓓ Much harder than other tests

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21. How hard did you try on this test compared to how hard you tried on most other tests you have taken this year in school?

- Ⓐ Not as hard as on other tests
- Ⓑ About as hard as other tests
- Ⓒ Harder than other tests
- Ⓓ Much harder than other tests

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22. How important was it to you to do well on this test?

- Ⓐ Not very important
- Ⓑ Somewhat important
- Ⓒ Important
- Ⓓ Very important

