

# Reading Student Background Questionnaire

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**2007**  
**Grade 4**

## DIRECTIONS

In the next section, you will be asked questions about yourself and your family. We will read this section together. To answer these questions, fill in the oval beside the answer that is true for you. For example, fill in the oval beside your answer to this question:

How many movies did you see last month on television and in movie theaters?

- Ⓐ None
- Ⓑ 1 to 5
- Ⓒ 6 to 10
- Ⓓ More than 10

You should have filled in the oval beside the answer that best tells how many movies you saw last month on television and in movie theaters. On questions like this, be sure to make your answer mark clear and dark in the oval. If you make a mistake or want to change your answer, be sure to completely erase any unwanted marks.

You will be told when it is time to begin and end each section.

Do not go past the  sign at the end of each section until you are told to do so.

If you finish before time is called, go back and check your work on that section only. Use your time carefully. Do as much as you can in each section.



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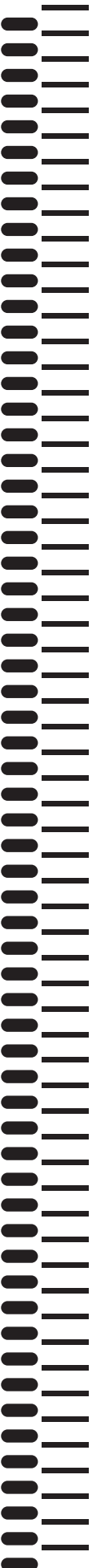
2. Which of the following best describes you? Fill in **one or more ovals**.

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

Section 3

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 25 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.

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

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

2. Reading is one of my favorite activities.

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

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

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

4. Writing helps me share my ideas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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8. How often do you read stories or poems 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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9. How often do you read to learn about real things (such as facts about dinosaurs or other countries) 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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10. 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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11. 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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12. 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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13. 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



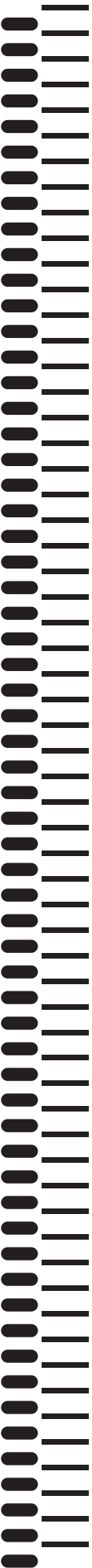
14. So far this year, how many times have you written a book report?  
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- Ⓐ Never
  - Ⓑ Once
  - Ⓒ 2 or 3 times
  - Ⓓ 4 or 5 times
  - Ⓔ 6 or more times
15. So far this year, how many times have you made a presentation to the class about something that you have read?  
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- Ⓐ Never
  - Ⓑ Once
  - Ⓒ 2 or 3 times
  - Ⓓ 4 or 5 times
  - Ⓔ 6 or more times
16. 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)?  
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- Ⓐ Never
  - Ⓑ Once
  - Ⓒ 2 or 3 times
  - Ⓓ 4 or 5 times
  - Ⓔ 6 or more times
17. For school this year, how often have you been asked to write long answers to questions on tests or assignments that involved reading?  
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- Ⓐ Never
  - Ⓑ Once or twice this year
  - Ⓒ Once or twice a month
  - Ⓓ At least once a week
18. When you have reading assignments in school, how often does your teacher give you time to read books you have chosen yourself?  
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- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
  - Ⓑ Once or twice a month
  - Ⓒ Once or twice a week
  - Ⓓ Almost every day



Section 4

**Questions 19–22.** The following four 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. 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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25. How important was it to you to do well on this test?

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

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24. 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 on other tests
- Ⓒ Harder than on other tests
- Ⓓ Much harder than on other tests

