



Reading Student Background Questionnaire

2009
Grade 4

DIRECTIONS

In the next two sections, you will be asked questions about yourself and your education. We will read the first 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.



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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**.

- Ⓐ 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.

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

- Ⓐ 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. 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



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This section has 28 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question.

1. How often do you feel you learn a lot when you read books?
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- (A) Never or hardly ever
(B) Sometimes
(C) Often
(D) Always or almost always
2. How often do you feel reading is one of your favorite subjects?
VC503832
- (A) Never or hardly ever
(B) Sometimes
(C) Often
(D) Always or almost always
3. How often do you use either the school library or the public library to get information for a school project or homework?
VC503833
- (A) Never or hardly ever
(B) Once or twice a month
(C) Once or twice a week
(D) Every day or almost every day
4. How often do you use either the school library or the public library to get information for your own use?
VC503834
- (A) Never or hardly ever
(B) Once or twice a month
(C) Once or twice a week
(D) Every day or almost every day
5. Do you study or do work for reading at an after-school or tutoring program?
VC503844
- (A) Yes
(B) No
6. In your school, do you go to book clubs, competitions, fairs, or exhibits for reading?
VC503852
- (A) Yes
(B) No
7. How often do you read for fun on your own time?
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- (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 talk with your friends or family about something you have read?

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

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9. How often does your teacher ask you to make a presentation to the class about something that you have read?

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Sometimes
- Ⓒ Often
- Ⓓ Always or almost always

VC504000

10. How often does your teacher ask you to read articles or stories in a magazine or in newspapers?

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Sometimes
- Ⓒ Often
- Ⓓ Always or almost always

VC504001

11. How often does your teacher ask you to read aloud?

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Sometimes
- Ⓒ Often
- Ⓓ Always or almost always

VC504002

12. How often does your teacher ask you to read silently?

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Sometimes
- Ⓒ Often
- Ⓓ Always or almost always

VC504003

13. How often does your teacher ask you to read a book you have chosen yourself?

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Sometimes
- Ⓒ Often
- Ⓓ Always or almost always



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14. How often does your teacher ask you to write something about what you have read?
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
 - Ⓑ Sometimes
 - Ⓒ Often
 - Ⓓ Always or almost always
- VB345704
15. 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
- VB345703
16. 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
- VB429518
17. 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
- VC504005
18. When reading a story in class, how often does your teacher ask you to explain the story in your own words?
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
 - Ⓑ Sometimes
 - Ⓒ Often
 - Ⓓ Always or almost always
- VC504006
19. When reading a story in class, how often does your teacher ask you to talk about what the characters do and feel?
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
 - Ⓑ Sometimes
 - Ⓒ Often
 - Ⓓ Always or almost always

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20. When reading a story in class, how often does your teacher ask you to talk about how you feel about the story?

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Sometimes
- Ⓒ Often
- Ⓓ Always or almost always

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21. 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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22. This school year, did your teacher ask you to use a computer to learn new words?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

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23. This school year, did your teacher ask you to use a computer to practice spelling and grammar?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

VC504010
24. This school year, did your teacher ask you to use a computer to write stories or reports?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

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25. This school year, did your teacher ask you to read books on the computer?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

VB595182
26. 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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27. 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



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

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

