



# Long-Term Trend

## Student Background Questionnaire

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**2004**  
**Ages 9, 13, & 17**

# STUDENT BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

## DIRECTIONS

Your booklet has 4 sections. In each of Sections 1, 2 and 3, you will have 15 minutes to answer questions about a reading passage or answer questions about mathematics. Section 4 ask questions about you and your classes. There are many different booklets in this assessment, each containing different questions, and most of the students in the room with you have a booklet that is different from yours. Do not worry if the person sitting next to you is working on a page that doesn't look like the one you are working on. You will be told when to begin each section. Stop when you see this sign.



You should think carefully about your answers and answer every question. Use all the time available to complete each section. If you skip a question, go back and try to answer it before time is called.

Some of the questions ask you to choose the best answer and fill in the oval in your booklet. Example 1 shows a question like this. Read the question and fill in the oval beside the choice that you think is correct.

### Example 1

How many minutes are there in an hour?

- (A) 12
- (B) 24
- (C) 30
- (D) 60

You should have filled in the oval for "60" because there are 60 minutes in an hour.

Other questions will ask you to write your answer on the blank line provided in your booklet. Now read Example 2 and write your answer on the blank line below.

### Example 2

Add 32 and 14.

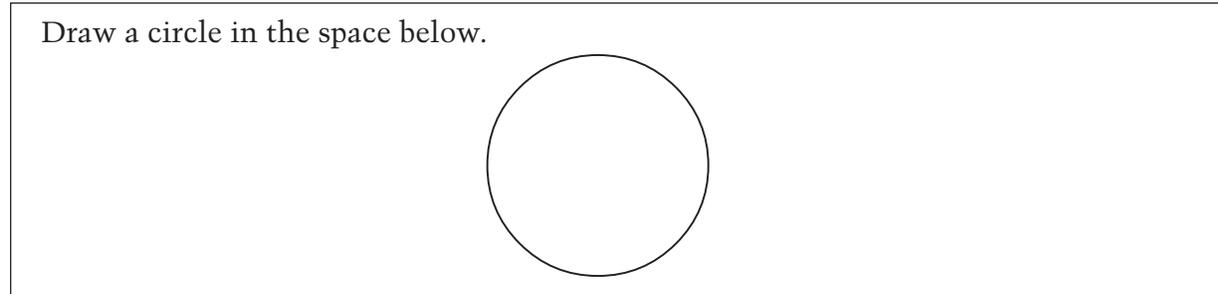
Answer \_\_\_\_\_

You should answer this question by writing 46 on the answer line provided.

**Example 3**

For some of the questions you may need to write or draw the answer. You can see how this is done in the example below.

Draw a circle in the space below.



**Example 4**

Some questions ask you to write a longer response. Each of these questions has special directions. Your answer should be written or printed on the blank lines following the question. Use as much of the space in your booklet as you need.

**REMEMBER:**

Read each question CAREFULLY.

Fill in only ONE OVAL for each question or write your answer in the space provided.

If you change your answer, ERASE your first answer COMPLETELY.

CHECK OVER your work if you finish a section early.

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



**STUDENT BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**FOR LONG-TERM TREND READING AND MATHEMATICS**  
**AT ALL AGE LEVELS**

In this section, please tell us about yourself and your family. The section has 15 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.

VB331331

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

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

- VB331333
3. Does your family get a newspaper at least four times a week?
- (A) Yes
  - (B) No
  - (C) I don't know.

- VB331337
7. Is there an encyclopedia in your home? It could be a set of books, or it could be on the computer.
- (A) Yes
  - (B) No
  - (C) I don't know.

- VB331334
4. Does your family get any magazines regularly?
- (A) Yes
  - (B) No
  - (C) I don't know.

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8. About how many pages a day do you have to read in school and for homework?
- (A) 5 or fewer
  - (B) 6–10
  - (C) 11–15
  - (D) 16–20
  - (E) More than 20

- VB331335
5. About how many books are there in your home?
- (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)

- B001200
9. How much time did you spend on homework yesterday?
- (A) No homework was assigned.
  - (B) I had homework but didn't do it.
  - (C) Less than 1 hour
  - (D) 1 to 2 hours
  - (E) More than 2 hours

- VB331336
6. Is there a computer at home that you use?
- (A) Yes
  - (B) No

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. 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
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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
15. Which of the following best describes your high school program?  
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- Ⓐ General
  - Ⓑ Academic or college preparatory
  - Ⓒ Vocational or technical

[This question is not given at age 9]

[This question is given only at age 17]

