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# Directions

In this booklet, you will find questions about you and what you think. For each question, you should choose the answer you think is best.

Let us take a few minutes to practice the kinds of questions you will answer in this booklet.

**Example 1** is one kind of question you will find in this booklet.

## Example 1

Do you go to school?

*Fill **one** circle only.*

Yes --

No --

**Example 2** is another kind of question you will find in this booklet.

## Example 2

How often do you do these things?

*Fill **one** circle for each line.*

	Every day or almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Never or almost never
a) I listen to music .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I talk with my friends .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I play sports .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Example 3** is another kind of question you will find in this booklet.

## Example 3

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**What do you think? Tell how much you agree with these statements.**

*Fill **one** circle for each line.*

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) Watching movies is fun -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I like eating ice cream -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I do not like waking up early -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I enjoy doing chores -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

- Read each question carefully, and pick the answer you think is best.
- Fill in the circle next to your answer.
- If you decide to change your answer, draw an **x** through your first answer and then fill in the circle next to or under your new answer.
- Ask for help if you do not understand something or are not sure how to answer.



**1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a girl or a boy?**

*Fill **one** circle only.*

Girl --

Boy --

**2** \_\_\_\_\_

**When were you born?**

Fill the circles next to the month and year you were born.

**a) Month**

January --

February --

March --

April --

May --

June --

July --

August --

September --

October --

November --

December --

**b) Year**

1993 --

1994 --

1995 --

1996 --

1997 --

1998 --

1999 --

2000 --

Other --

# Things you do outside of school

## 3

How often do you do these things outside of school?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Every day or almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Never or almost never
a) I read aloud to someone at home-----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I listen to someone at home read aloud to me-----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I talk with my friends about what I am reading-----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I talk with my family about what I am reading-----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I read for fun outside of school-----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) I read to find out about things I want to learn -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

# 4

## How often do you read these things outside of school?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Every day or almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Never or almost never
a) I read comic books .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I read stories or novels .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I read books that explain things (For example, you might read about your favorite athlete, about animals you like, or a place you visited.) .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I read magazines .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I read newspapers .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) I read directions or instructions (For example, you might read them to put a toy together, to learn how to play a game, or to do something else.) .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) I read brochures and catalogues .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

# 5

**About how much time do you spend doing the following things outside of school on a normal school day?**

*Fill **one** circle for each line.*

**5 hours or more    From 3 hours up to 5 hours    From 1 hour up to 3 hours    Up to 1 hour    No time**

a) Watching television (including videos or DVD) -----

b) Playing video or computer games (including Nintendo®, Gameboy®, or Play Station®)

c) Reading stories and articles on the Internet -----

d) Reading stories and articles in books or magazines -----

## 6

In school, how often do these things happen?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Every day or almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Never or almost never
In school ...				
a) my teacher reads aloud to the class .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I read aloud to the whole class.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I read aloud to a small group of students in my class .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I read silently on my own .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I read books that I choose myself ---	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



# 7

After you have read something in class, how often do you do these things?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

Every day  
or almost  
every day

Once or  
twice a  
week

Once or  
twice a  
month

Never or  
almost  
never

After I have read something in class ...

a) I answer questions in a workbook or on a worksheet about what I have read .....



b) I write something about what I have read (*For example, a summary, a story, or how I felt about what I read*) .....



c) I answer questions aloud about what I have read .....



d) I talk with other students about what I have read .....



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**How often does your teacher give you reading to do for homework (for any subject)?**

*Fill **one** circle only.*

I never have reading to do  
for homework --

Less than once a week --

1 or 2 times a week --

3 or 4 times a week --

Every day --

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**If you need help with your reading homework who helps you the most?**

*Fill **one** circle only.*

I never have reading to do  
for homework --

I never need help --

Parents or grandparents --

Brother or sister --

Teacher or tutor --

Someone else --

There is nobody to help --

# 10

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**On days when you have reading to do for homework (for any subject), how much time do you spend on this reading?**

*Fill **one** circle only.*

I never have reading to do  
for homework --

Half hour or less --

More than a half hour to 1 hour --

More than 1 hour --

# Using the computer

## 11

How often do you use a computer in each of these places?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Every day or almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Never or almost never
a) I use a computer at home-----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I use a computer at school-----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I use a computer at some other place-----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 12

How often do you use the Internet to do these things?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Every day or almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Never or almost never
a) Look up information for school -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Look up things about sports -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Find out about music -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Find out about other activities and interests -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) Chat, e-mail, or instant message with friends-----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 13

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a. How often do you borrow books from your school or local library?

*Fill **one** circle only.*

At least once a week --

Once or twice a month --

A few times a year --

Never or almost never --

b. When you borrow books from your school or local library, are they mainly in English?

Yes----

No---

## 14

**What do you think about reading? Tell how much you agree with each of these statements.**

*Fill **one** circle for each line.*

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I read only if I have to .....	↓ ○	○	○	○
b) I like talking about books with other people.....	○	○	○	○
c) I would be happy if someone gave me a book as a present .....	○	○	○	○
d) I think reading is boring.....	○	○	○	○
e) I need to read well for my future.....	○	○	○	○
f) I enjoy reading .....	○	○	○	○

# 15

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**How well do you read? Tell how much you agree with each of these statements.**

*Fill **one** circle for each line.*

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) Reading is very easy for me-----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I do not read as well as other students in my class -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) When I am reading by myself, I understand almost everything I read -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I read slower than other students in my class -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 16

What do you think about your school? Tell how much you agree with these statements.

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I like being in school .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I think that teachers in my school care about me .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I feel safe when I am at school.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Students in my school show respect to each other .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) Students in my school care about each other.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) Students in my school help each other with their work.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



# 17

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**Did any of these things happen at school during the last month (as far as you know)?**

*Fill **one** circle for each line.*

**Yes**                      **No**



At school ...

- a) something was stolen from me -----  -----
- b) something was stolen from someone  
in my class -----  -----
- c) I was bullied by another student -----  -----
- d) someone in my class was bullied by  
another student -----  -----
- e) I was injured by another student -----  -----
- f) someone in my class was injured  
by another student -----  -----

## 18

### Which language did you speak before you started school?

If you spoke more than one language at the same time before you started school you can check “Yes” for more than one language.

	Yes	No
a) English -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Spanish-----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Vietnamese-----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Chinese-----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) a Filipino language -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) Other -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 19

### How often do you speak English at home?

Fill **one** circle only.

I always speak English --

I sometimes speak English  
and sometimes speak another language -

I never speak English --

# 20

## About how many books are there in your home?

(Do not count magazines, newspapers, or your school books.)

Fill **one** circle only.

None or very few (0-10 books) --

This shows 10 books



Enough to fill one shelf (11-25 books) --

This shows 25 books



Enough to fill one bookcase  
(26-100 books) --

This shows 100 books



Enough to fill two bookcases  
(101-200 books) --

This shows 200 books



Enough to fill three or more bookcases  
(more than 200) --

This shows more than 200 books



# 21

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**Do you have any of these things at your home?**

*Fill **one** circle for each line.*

- |   | Yes                   | No                    |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) Computer (do not include Nintendo®, Gameboy®, or other TV/video game stations) ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) Study desk/table for your use -----  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) Books of your very own (do not count your school books) -----                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d) Daily newspaper -----  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e) Your own room-----   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f) Your own mobile (cell) phone-----  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g) Video or digital camera (camcorder) -----  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| h) More than one car, truck, or van-----  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| i) More than one bathroom -----   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**22**

**Were you born in the United States ?**

*Fill **one** circle only.*

Yes --

No --

**23**

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**Was your mother born in the United States?**

*Fill **one** circle only.*

Yes --

No --

I do not know --

**24**

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**Was your father born in the United States?**

*Fill **one** circle only.*

Yes --

No --

I do not know --



**Thank You!**

**Thank you for filling out the questionnaire!**



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