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Directions

In this booklet, you will find questions about yourself. Some questions ask for facts while other questions ask for your opinion.

Each question is followed by a number of answers. Shade in the circle next to or under the answer of your choice as shown in Examples 1, 2, and 3.

Example 1

Do you go to school?

Fill one circle only.

Yes --

No --

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 checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I talk with my friends -----	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I play sports -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Example 3

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 checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I like eating ice cream -----	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I enjoy doing chores -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

- Read each question carefully, and pick the answer you think is best.
- Fill in the circle next to or under your answer.
- If you decide to change your answer, draw an **X** through your first answer, like this: . 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

1992 --

1993 --

1994 --

1995 --

1996 --

1997 --

1998 --

1999 --

2000 --

Other --

3

How often do you speak English at home?

*Fill **one** circle only.*

Always --

Almost Always --

Sometimes --

Never --

4

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) --

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

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

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

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

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Do you have any of these things at your home?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

- | | Yes | No |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) Computer ----- | <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) Your own room ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e) Internet connection ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f) Encyclopedia (as a book or CD) ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g) Play station, game cube, Xbox or other TV/Video game systems --- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| h) VCR/DVD Player ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| i) Three or more cars, small trucks, or sport utility vehicles ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

6

A. What is the highest level of education completed by your mother (or stepmother or female guardian)?

Fill one circle only.

- Some elementary or junior high/middle school
or did not go to school --
- Completed junior high/middle school --
- Some high school --
- Completed high school --
- Completed a vocational/technical certificate
after high school --
- Completed an Associate's degree (AA)
in vocational/technical program --
- Completed a 2-year or 4-year college or university
degree (i.e., Associate's or Bachelor's degree) --
- Completed a Master's degree, teaching certificate
program, or professional degree (e.g., law,
medicine, dentistry) or higher --
- I don't know --

B. What is the highest level of education completed by your father (or stepfather or male guardian)?

Fill one circle only.

- Some elementary or junior high/middle school
or did not go to school --
- Completed junior high/middle school --
- Some high school --
- Completed high school --
- Completed a vocational/technical certificate
after high school --
- Completed an Associate's degree (AA)
in vocational/technical program --
- Completed a 2-year or 4-year college or university
degree (i.e., Associate's or Bachelor's degree) --
- Completed a Master's degree, teaching certificate
program, or professional degree (e.g., law,
medicine, dentistry) or higher --
- I don't know --

7

How far in school do you expect to go?

*Fill **one** circle only.*

- Finish high school --
- Finish a vocational/technical certificate after high school --
- Finish community or junior college --
- Completed high school --
- Completed a vocational/technical certificate after high school --
- Complete a bachelor's degree at a college or university --
- Beyond a bachelor's degree --
- I don't know --

8

A. Was your mother (or stepmother or female guardian) born in the United States?

*Fill **one** circle only.*

- Yes --
- No --

B. Was your father (or stepfather or male guardian) born in the United States?

*Fill **one** circle only.*

- Yes --
- No --

9

A. Were you born in the United States?

*Fill **one** circle only.*

Yes -- 

(If Yes, go to question 10)

No --

B. If you were not born in the United States, how old were you when you came to the United States?

*Fill **one** circle only.*

Older than 10 years old --

5 to 10 years old --

Younger than 5 years old --

10

A. Do you ever use a computer?

Fill **one** circle only.

Yes --

No -- 

(If No, go to question 11)

B. 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) At home ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) At school ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) Some other place ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

C. How often do you use a computer 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 information on a topic
you like (e.g., your favorite athlete,
animals you like, or places
you have traveled to) ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) Exchange information about schoolwork
online (e.g., homework, discussion
boards, asking for help) ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

11

How often do the following things happen at home?

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 talk about my schoolwork with my parents -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) My parents help me with my schoolwork -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) My parents make sure that I set aside time for my homework -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) My parents ask me what I learned in school -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) My parents check if I do my homework -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) My parents help me practice to improve my math skills -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) My parents help me practice to improve my science skills -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) I talk with my parents about what I am reading -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i) My parents like to know where I am after school -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12

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 feel safe when I am at school -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I feel like I belong at this school ----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13

How often have any of the following things happened to you at school?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	At least once a week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Never
a) I was made fun of or called names -	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I was left out of games or activities by other students -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Someone spread lies about me -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Something was stolen from me -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I was hit or hurt by other student(s) (e.g., shoving, hitting, kicking) -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) I was made to do things I didn't want to do by other students -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14

What do you think about the teachers and students in 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 think that students in my school try to do their best -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I think that teachers in my school want students to do their best -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I think that students in my school are not interested in learning -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I think that teachers in my school listen to what students have to say -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I think that students in my school work hard on their schoolwork -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) I think that teachers in my school understand that some students have difficulty in learning -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) I think that students in my school pay attention in class -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) I think that teachers in my school make an extra effort to help students -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i) I think that students in my school feel that they can ask teachers for extra help -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j) I think that teachers in my school care about all students -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15

How much do you agree with these statements about learning mathematics?

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

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I enjoy learning mathematics -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I wish I did not have to study mathematics -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Mathematics is boring -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I learn many interesting things in mathematics -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I like mathematics -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) Learning mathematics takes hard work -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) It is important to do well in mathematics -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16

How much do you agree with these statements about your mathematics lessons?

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

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I know what my teacher expects me to do -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I have difficulty paying attention --	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I think of things not related to the lesson -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) My teacher is easy to understand --	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I am interested in what my teacher says -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) My teacher gives me interesting things to do -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17

How much do you agree with these statements about mathematics?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

- | | Agree
a lot | Agree
a little | Disagree
a little | Disagree
a lot |
|--|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| a) I usually do well in mathematics --- | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| b) Mathematics is more difficult for me than for many of my classmates ----- | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| c) Mathematics is not one of my strengths ----- | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| d) I learn things quickly in mathematics ----- | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| e) Mathematics makes me confused and nervous ----- | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| f) I am good at working out difficult mathematics problems ----- | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| g) My teacher thinks I can do well in mathematics classes with difficult materials ----- | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| h) My teacher tells me I am good at mathematics ----- | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| i) Mathematics is harder for me than any other subject ----- | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| j) I keep working on mathematics problems until I am finished ----- | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

17 (continued)

How much do you agree with these statements about mathematics?

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

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
k) I think learning mathematics will help me in my daily life -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
l) I need mathematics to learn other school subjects -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
m) I need to do well in mathematics to get into the university or college of my choice -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
n) I need to do well in mathematics to get the job I want -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
o) I would like a job that involved using mathematics -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18

How much do you agree with these statements about learning science?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I enjoy learning science -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I wish I did not have to study science -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I read about science in my spare time -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Science is boring -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I learn many interesting things in science -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) I like science -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) Learning science takes hard work -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) It is important to do well in science -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19

How much do you agree with these statements about your science lessons?

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

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I know what my teacher expects me to do -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I have difficulty paying attention --	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I think of things not related to the lesson -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) My teacher is easy to understand --	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I am interested in what my teacher says -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) My teacher gives me interesting things to do -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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How much do you agree with these statements about science?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

- | | Agree
a lot | Agree
a little | Disagree
a little | Disagree
a lot |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) I usually do well in science ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) Science is more difficult for me
than for many of my classmates ---- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) Science is not one of
my strengths ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d) I learn things quickly
in science ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e) Science makes me confused
and nervous ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f) I am good at working out
difficult science problems ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g) My teacher thinks I can do well in
science classes with difficult
materials ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| h) My teacher tells me I am good
at science ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| i) Science is harder for me than
any other subject ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| j) I keep working on science
problems until I am finished ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

20 (continued)

How much do you agree with these statements about science?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

- | | Agree
a lot | Agree
a little | Disagree
a little | Disagree
a lot |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| k) I think learning science will help me in my daily life ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| l) I need science to learn other school subjects ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| m) I need to do well in science to get into the university or college of my choice ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| n) I need to do well in science to get the job I want ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| o) I would like a job that involved using science ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

21

A. How often does your teacher give you homework in mathematics?

*Fill **one** circle only.*

- Every day --
- 3 or 4 times a week --
- 1 or 2 times a week --
- Less than once a week --
- Never --

B. When your teacher gives you mathematics homework, about how many minutes do you usually spend on your homework?

*Fill **one** circle only.*

- My teacher never gives me homework in mathematics --
- 1 - 15 minutes -
- 16–30 minutes --
- 31–60 minutes --
- 61–90 minutes --
- More than 90 minutes --

A. How often does your teacher give you homework in science?

Fill one circle only.

- Every day --
- 3 or 4 times a week --
- 1 or 2 times a week --
- Less than once a week --
- Never --

B. When your teacher gives you science homework, about how many minutes do you usually spend on your homework?

Fill one circle only.

- My teacher never gives me homework in science --
- 1 - 15 minutes -
- 16–30 minutes --
- 31–60 minutes --
- 61–90 minutes --
- More than 90 minutes --

[The following questions are national options that will be added to the questionnaire. They will be formatted and appropriately placed among the existing items.]

1. Student race and ethnicity

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

- No, I am not Hispanic or Latino----- O
- Yes, I am Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano ---- O
- Yes, I am Puerto Rican or Puerto Rican American----- O
- Yes, I am Cuban or Cuban American ----- O
- Yes, I am from some other Hispanic or Latino background----- O

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

- White ----- O
- Black or African American----- O
- Asian----- O
- American Indian or Alaska Native ----- O
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander----- O

2. Language spoken at home

What language do you speak at home (other than English)?

Fill in **one** oval only

- Spanish ----- O
- Other ----- O
- Please specify _____

3. Family composition

- Does your mother live at home with you? Y/N
- Does your stepmother or foster mother live at home with you? Y/N
- Does your father live at home with you? Y/N
- Does your stepfather or foster father live at home with you? Y/N
- How many brothers or sisters live with you? _____
- Does your grandmother or grandfather live at home with you? Y/N
- How many OTHER family members live at home with you? _____
- How many people live at home with you who are not part of your family? _____

4. Absenteeism

How many days were you absent from school in the last month? Fill in one oval.

- None----- O
- 1 or 2 days----- O
- 3 or 4 days----- O
- 5 to 10 days ----- O
- More than 10 days ----- O
- More than 10 days ----- O

5. Academic advancement

Have you ever repeated a grade? Fill in only **one** oval for each line

	No	Yes
In elementary school-----	O	O
In middle or junior high school-----	O	O

6. Activities outside of school

The following questions ask about activities you do outside of school.

- Do you play on a sports team outside of school? Y/N
- Do you often play a musical instrument outside of school? Y/N
- Are you studying something in a class outside of school? Y/N
- Do you belong to a club outside of school (like Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, or 4-H)? Y/N



Thank You!

Thank you for filling out the questionnaire!

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