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Student Questionnaire

Grade 4



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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 in **one** oval only.

Yes -- ①

No -- ②

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

Example 2

How often do you do these things?

Fill in **one** oval 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 with my friends	①	②	③	④
b) I play sports	①	②	③	④
c) I ride a skateboard	①	②	③	④

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

Example 3

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

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) Watching movies is fun	①	②	③	④
b) I like eating ice cream	①	②	③	④
c) I do not like waking up early	①	②	③	④
d) I enjoy doing chores	①	②	③	④

- Read each question carefully, and pick the answer you think is best.
- Fill in the oval next to or under your answer.
- If you decide to change your answer, completely erase your first choice. Then, fill in the oval next to or under your new answer.
- Ask for help if you do not understand something or are not sure how to answer.

About you

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A. Are you a girl or a boy?

Fill in one oval only.

Girl -- ①

Boy -- ②

B. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

Fill in one oval only.

Yes, I am Hispanic or Latino -- ①

No, I am not Hispanic or Latino -- ②

C. Which of the following best describes you?

Fill in one or more ovals.

White -- ①

Black or African American -- ①

Asian -- ①

American Indian or Alaska Native -- ①

Native Hawaiian or other
Pacific Islander -- ①

2

When were you born?

Fill in the ovals next to the month and year you were born.

a) Month

- January -- ①
- February -- ②
- March -- ③
- April -- ④
- May -- ⑤
- June -- ⑥
- July -- ⑦
- August -- ⑧
- September -- ⑨
- October -- ⑩
- November -- ⑪
- December -- ⑫

b) Year

- 1998 -- ①
- 1999 -- ②
- 2000 -- ③
- 2001 -- ④
- 2002 -- ⑤
- 2003 -- ⑥
- 2004 -- ⑦
- Other -- ⑧

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A. How often do you speak English at home?

*Fill in **one** oval only.*

Always-----① *If Always, please go to question 4* 

Almost always -----②

Sometimes-----③

Never -----④

If Almost always, Sometimes, Never, please go to question 3B 

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

*Fill in **one** oval only.*

Spanish -----①

Other -----② Please specify _____

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A. Was your mother (or stepmother or female legal guardian) born in the United States? (“United States” includes the 50 states, its territories, the District of Columbia, and U.S. military bases abroad.)

*Fill in **one** oval only.*

Yes -- ①

No -- ②

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

*Fill in **one** oval only.*

Yes -- ①

No -- ②

C. Were you born in the United States?

*Fill in **one** oval only.*

Yes -- ①

No -- ②

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About how many books are there in your home? (Do not count magazines, newspapers, or your school books.)

*Fill in **one** oval only.*

None or very few (0–10 books) -- ①

This shows 10 books



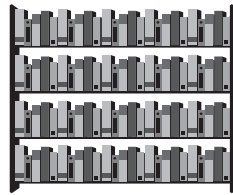
Enough to fill one shelf (11–25 books) -- ②

This shows 25 books



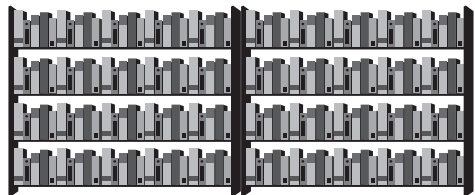
Enough to fill one bookcase
(26–100 books) -- ③

This shows 100 books



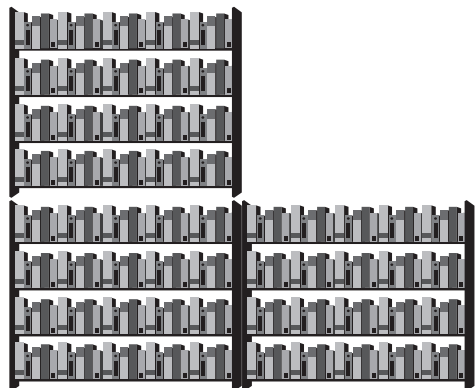
Enough to fill two bookcases
(101–200 books) -- ④

This shows 200 books



Enough to fill three or more bookcases
(more than 200) -- ⑤

This shows more than 200 books



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Do you have any of these things at your home?

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

- | | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| | ↓ | ↓ |
| a) Computer | ① | ② |
| b) Study desk/table for your use | ① | ② |
| c) Books of your very own (do not count your school books) | ① | ② |
| d) Your own room | ① | ② |
| e) Internet connection | ① | ② |
| f) Encyclopedia (a book or CD) | ① | ② |
| g) PlayStation [®] , Game Cube [®] , XBox [®] , or other TV/Video game system | ① | ② |
| h) VCR, DVD or Blu-ray player | ① | ② |

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

Fill in **one** oval 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	①	②	③	④
b) At school	①	②	③	④
c) Some other place	①	②	③	④

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How often do the following things happen at home?

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

	Every day or almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Never or almost never
a) My parents ask me what I am learning in school	①	②	③	④
b) I talk about my schoolwork with my parents	①	②	③	④
c) My parents make sure that I set aside time for my homework	①	②	③	④
d) My parents check if I do my homework	①	②	③	④

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

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

- | | Yes | No |
|---|--------|--------|
| a) Do you play on a sports team outside of school?----- | ↓
① | ↓
② |
| b) Do you often play a musical instrument outside of school? ----- | ① | ② |
| c) Are you studying something in a class outside of school? ----- | ① | ② |
| d) Do you belong to a club outside of school (like Girl Scouts, 4-H, or Boys and Girls Club)? ----- | ① | ② |

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How many days were you absent from school in the last month?

Fill in **one** oval only.

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

Your School

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

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

- | | Agree
a lot | Agree
a little | Disagree
a little | Disagree
a lot |
|---|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| a) I like being in school | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| b) I feel safe when I am at school..... | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| c) I feel like I belong at this school..... | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |

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During this year, how often have any of the following things happened to you at school?

Fill in **one** oval 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-- | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| b) I was left out of games or activities
by other students | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| c) Someone spread lies about me..... | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| d) Something was stolen from me | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| e) I was hit or hurt by other student(s)
(e.g., shoving, hitting, kicking)..... | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| f) I was made to do things I didn't
want to do by other students | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |

Reading outside of school

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How much time do you spend reading outside of school on a normal school day?

Fill in **one** oval only.

Less than 30 minutes -- ①

30 minutes up to 1 hour -- ②

From 1 hour up to 2 hours -- ③

2 hours or more -- ④

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How often do you do these things outside of school?

Fill in **one** oval 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 for fun ① ————— ② ————— ③ ————— ④

b) I read things that I
choose myself ① ————— ② ————— ③ ————— ④

c) I read to find out about things I
want to learn ① ————— ② ————— ③ ————— ④

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How often do you read these things outside of school
(in print or online)?

Fill in **one** oval 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 stories or novels | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| b) I read books that explain things
(e.g., you might read about
your favorite athlete, about animals
you like, or a place you visited) | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| c) I read magazines | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| d) I read comic books | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |

Using the library

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

*Fill in **one** oval only.*

At least once a week -- ①

Once or twice a month -- ②

A few times a year -- ③

Never or almost never -- ④

Lessons about reading

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Think about the reading you do for school. How much do you agree with these statements about your reading lessons?

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I like what I read about in school	①	②	③	④
b) My teacher gives me interesting things to read	①	②	③	④
c) I know what my teacher expects me to do	①	②	③	④
d) I think of things not related to the lesson	①	②	③	④
e) My teacher is easy to understand --	①	②	③	④
f) I am interested in what my teacher says	①	②	③	④
g) My teacher gives me interesting things to do	①	②	③	④

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In school, how often do these things happen?

Fill in **one** oval 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 silently on my own ----- ① ————— ② ————— ③ ————— ④

b) I read books that I choose myself -- ① ————— ② ————— ③ ————— ④

What you think about reading

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

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

- | | Agree
a lot | Agree
a little | Disagree
a little | Disagree
a lot |
|---|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| a) I read only if I have to | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| b) I like talking about what I read
with other people | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| c) I would be happy if someone gave
me a book as a present | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| d) I think reading is boring | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| e) I would like to have more
time for reading | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| f) I enjoy reading | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |

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

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

- | | Agree
a lot | Agree
a little | Disagree
a little | Disagree
a lot |
|---|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| a) I usually do well in reading | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| b) Reading is easy for me | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| c) Reading is harder for me than
for many of my classmates | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| d) If a book is interesting, I don't
care how hard it is to read | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| e) I have trouble reading
stories with difficult words | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| f) My teacher tells me I am
a good reader | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| g) Reading is harder for me than
any other subject | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |

Reasons for reading

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Do you read for any of the following reasons? Tell how much you agree with each of these statements.

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I like to read things that make me think	①	②	③	④
b) It is important to be a good reader	①	②	③	④
c) My parents like it when I read	①	②	③	④
d) I learn a lot from reading	①	②	③	④
e) I need to read well for my future ---	①	②	③	④
f) I like it when a book helps me imagine other worlds	①	②	③	④



Thank You!

Thank you for filling out the questionnaire!



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