

# National Assessments 2009

## Parent Questionnaire: Sixth class

### – Summary responses –

Percentage of parents selecting a response is  
shown in **RED FONT**.

Some percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.



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**You and Your Child**

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**1. How often does your child get homework in English and maths?**

*Write "0" if he or she does not get homework.*

- a) English ..... **4 (average)** days a week
- b) Maths ..... **4 (average)** days a week

**2. Usually, how long does he or she spend on English and maths homework?**

- a) English ..... **21 (average)** minutes per day
- b) Maths ..... **21 (average)** minutes per day

**3. How confident do you feel at helping your child with English and maths homework?**

	<i>Very confident</i>	<i>Fairly confident</i>	<i>Not very confident</i>	<i>Not at all confident</i>
a) English .....	<b>57%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>1%</b>
b) Maths .....	<b>39%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>3%</b>

**4a. Who usually gives your child help with English homework?**

<i>Doesn't need help</i>	<i>Mother</i>	<i>Father</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Nobody</i>
<b>30%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>2%</b>

**4b. Please tick the types of help (if any) your child receives.**

*Please tick **all** that apply.*

- 1) Reading ..... **18%**
- 2) Learning spellings ..... **39%**
- 3) Writing stories, essays or poems ..... **41%**

**5a. Who usually gives your child help with maths homework?**

<i>Doesn't need help</i>	<i>Mother</i>	<i>Father</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Nobody</i>
<b>23%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>2%</b>

**5b. Please tick the types of help (if any) your child receives.**

*Please tick **all** that apply.*

- 1) Addition, subtraction ..... **10%**
- 2) Multiplication, division ..... **22%**
- 3) Solving problems ..... **62%**

- 6. Have you ever attended a course or information evening aimed at helping your child with... Yes**
- a) English? ..... **5%**
- b) Maths?..... **5%**
- 7. During this school year, have you discussed your child's progress in English or maths with his/her teacher? Yes**
- a) English ..... **86%**
- b) Maths ..... **87%**
- 8. How would you describe your child on each of the following?**
- |                    | <i>Very good</i> | <i>Good</i> | <i>A bit weak</i> | <i>Very weak</i> | <i>Don't know</i> |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| a) English reading | <b>57%</b>       | <b>32%</b>  | <b>9%</b>         | <b>2%</b>        | <b>&lt;1%</b>     |
| b) Maths .....     | <b>41%</b>       | <b>41%</b>  | <b>14%</b>        | <b>3%</b>        | <b>&lt;1%</b>     |
- 9. How often do you discuss with your child something that s/he has read?**
- |  | <i>Never</i> | <i>Once or twice a year</i> | <i>About once a month</i> | <i>About once a week</i> | <i>A few times a week</i> |
|--|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|  | <b>6%</b>    | <b>10%</b>                  | <b>32%</b>                | <b>33%</b>               | <b>19%</b>                |

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**About Yourself**

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- 10. Are you? Male ..... **13%** Female..... **87%****
- 11. How are you related to this child? Please tick one box only.**
- Parent..... **99%** Guardian..... **<1%**
- Grandparent ..... **1%** Other ..... **<1%**
- 12. About how often do you read the following for personal enjoyment?**
- |                                | <i>Every day</i> | <i>A few times a week</i> | <i>A few times a month</i> | <i>Less often</i> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| a) Fiction .....               | <b>19%</b>       | <b>20%</b>                | <b>21%</b>                 | <b>40%</b>        |
| b) Non-fiction books .....     | <b>11%</b>       | <b>17%</b>                | <b>30%</b>                 | <b>42%</b>        |
| c) Internet / emails .....     | <b>45%</b>       | <b>27%</b>                | <b>10%</b>                 | <b>18%</b>        |
| d) Newspapers / magazines..... | <b>51%</b>       | <b>36%</b>                | <b>9%</b>                  | <b>4%</b>         |
- 13. What is your job and, if applicable, your spouse or partner's job? Please name the job, not the employer (e.g., "electrician" instead of "works for ESB"). If not currently working, please write the name of the last job.**
- a) You \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Spouse / partner \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Which of the following best describes the employment status of you and, if applicable, your spouse or partner?**

Please tick one box only in each column.

	<i>You</i>	<i>Your partner</i>
a) Working full-time .....	<b>32%</b>	<b>73%</b>
b) Working part-time .....	<b>31%</b>	<b>9%</b>
c) Not working, but looking for a job .....	<b>6%</b>	<b>9%</b>
d) On full-time home duties .....	<b>27%</b>	<b>6%</b>
e) Other (e.g., student, disabled, retired) .....	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>

**You and Your Home**

**15. Who normally lives in your home?**

Please tick **all** that apply.

Mother of this child .....	<b>91%</b>	Father of this child .....	<b>73%</b>
Female guardian of this child ..	<b>2%</b>	Male guardian of this child ..	<b>3%</b>

**16. How many brothers and sisters does your child have?**

**(means)** 1.1 brothers 1.0 sisters

**17. How many people in total usually live in your home?**

**(mean)** 4.8 people

**18. Which of these can your child use or access at home?**

Please tick **all** that apply.

a) Reference books (e.g. dictionary, encyclopaedia).....	<b>90%</b>
b) Computer with high-speed (broadband) internet access .....	<b>84%</b>
c) Quiet place to do homework .....	<b>94%</b>
d) Educational games (including software) .....	<b>68%</b>

**19. About how many books are in your home?**

Do not count school books, magazines or comics. As a guide, there are about 50 books per metre of shelving.

a) None .....	<b>2%</b>	e) 101 to 250 .....	<b>20%</b>
b) 1 to 10 .....	<b>9%</b>	f) 251 to 500 .....	<b>13%</b>
c) 11 to 50 .....	<b>25%</b>	g) Over 500 .....	<b>10%</b>
d) 51 to 100 .....	<b>21%</b>		

**20. Is anyone in your house a member of a public library?**

Yes

**78%**

*Thank you for your help.*