

# National Assessments (2009)

Pupil Questionnaire: Second class

- Summary responses -

Percentage of pupils selecting a response  
shown in **RED FONT**.

Some percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.



Are you: a boy? **51%** a girl? **49%**

1. What age are you?

I am 8 years (average) old.

2. Were you born in Ireland?

Yes

86%

2a. If you were not born in Ireland, how old were you when you came to live in Ireland?

I was 4 (average) years old when I came to Ireland.

3. Do you speak English at home?

Yes

93%

4. Do you speak Gaeilge (Irish) at home?

Yes

14%

5. Do you speak another language at home?

Yes

14%

If YES, what is it called? **45%** An Eastern European language  
**23%** A Western European language  
**17%** An Asian language (including Arabic)  
**14%** An African language

6. What language do you speak at home most often?

English ..... **90%**  
Gaeilge (Irish) ..... **1%**  
A different language ..... **9%**



## 7. Do you like school?

Yes, I like school .....	<b>50%</b>
I'm not sure.....	<b>29%</b>
No, I don't like school.....	<b>21%</b>

8. How often do you do...	<i>Hardly ever</i>	<i>2 or 3 times a week</i>	<i>Most school days</i>
<b>English</b> homework? .....	<b>3%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>84%</b>
<b>Maths</b> homework? .....	<b>7%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>71%</b>

## 9. On a school day, do you ever do these things before or after school?

	<i>Yes</i>
a) Watch TV, videos or DVDs .....	<b>83%</b>
b) Play games on a computer or console .....	<b>65%</b>
c) Use the internet.....	<b>52%</b>
d) Do jobs at home.....	<b>78%</b>
e) Do maths homework.....	<b>92%</b>
f) Do English homework.....	<b>93%</b>
g) Read a book, comic or magazine for fun.....	<b>71%</b>
h) Play sports.....	<b>87%</b>
i) Go to extra classes (like music, dance, or art) .....	<b>54%</b>
j) Play with friends.....	<b>89%</b>
k) Play by yourself.....	<b>57%</b>

10. Outside of school, do you ever...	<i>Yes</i>
a) have extra lessons in English? .....	<b>9%</b>
b) have extra lessons in maths? .....	<b>10%</b>

<b>11. Do you have these in your home?</b>	<i>Yes</i>
a) Computer (like Dell, Toshiba).....	<b>89%</b>
b) Games Console (like Playstation, Wii, Xbox) .....	<b>91%</b>
c) The internet.....	<b>84%</b>
d) TV in your bedroom .....	<b>53%</b>

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**Here are some questions about you and English reading.**

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**12. Do you think you are good at English reading?**

Yes, very good.....	<b>59%</b>
Yes, ok .....	<b>35%</b>
No, not so good .....	<b>6%</b>

**13. When you get English homework, do you often have to...**

	<i>Yes</i>
a) Answer questions in your English workbook? .....	<b>66%</b>
b) Learn spellings?.....	<b>97%</b>
c) Read a book? .....	<b>94%</b>
d) Use a computer? .....	<b>16%</b>
e) Write a story? .....	<b>50%</b>

**14. Do you ever borrow books from a library outside school?**

*Yes*  
**58%**



**15. When you are at home, do you often...**

	Yes
a) Read with your mum or dad? .....	<b>61%</b>
b) Read with another adult at home (like your granny or granddad)?.....	<b>29%</b>
c) Read books for fun? .....	<b>77%</b>
d) Read magazines or comics for fun? .....	<b>64%</b>

*Here are some things that people say about English reading.  
You might agree with some of them and not with others.  
Tick yes or no on each line to show what you think.*

	Yes
<b>16.</b> 'I like reading' .....	<b>84%</b>
<b>17.</b> 'I really want to do well at reading' .....	<b>93%</b>
<b>18.</b> 'My teacher thinks I am good at English reading' .....	<b>90%</b>
<b>19.</b> 'I like to tell my family about what I am reading' .....	<b>72%</b>
<b>20.</b> 'I like to read about things I am interested in' .....	<b>91%</b>
<b>21.</b> 'I like to talk to my friends about what I am reading' .....	<b>46%</b>

**22. When you read a story by yourself, do you often...**

	Yes
a) Think what the story might be about before you start .....	<b>66%</b>
b) Ask yourself questions to see if you understand the story .....	<b>40%</b>
c) Compare the characters in the story to yourself.....	<b>53%</b>



**23. When you see a new word in your reader, do you often...**

*Yes*

- a) Skip the word..... **15%**
- b) Try to sound it out ..... **83%**
- c) Use the words around it to figure it out..... **60%**
- d) Use the picture to figure it out..... **58%**
- e) Ask someone for help ..... **61%**

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**Now, here are some questions about you and maths.**

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**24. When you are doing maths homework, do you often...**

*Yes*

- a) Ask someone for help ..... **55%**
- b) Ask someone to check your answers..... **82%**
- c) Use a computer ..... **11%**
- d) Use things at home to help solve problems (like weighing scales, or measuring tape)..... **43%**
- e) Learn tables..... **87%**
- f) Use a calculator ..... **11%**

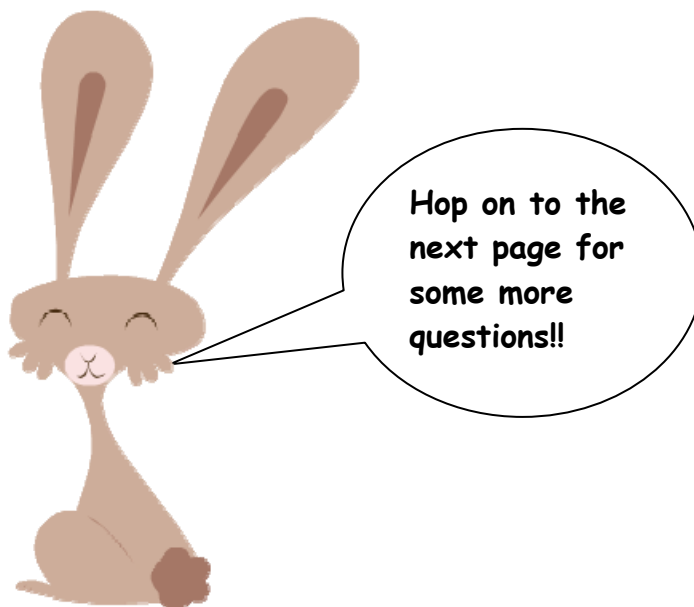
**25. When you can't do a sum at school, do you often...**

*Yes*

- a) Leave it and go on to the next sum..... **32%**
- b) Ask the teacher for help..... **70%**
- c) Ask a friend for help..... **44%**
- d) Guess the answer ..... **49%**

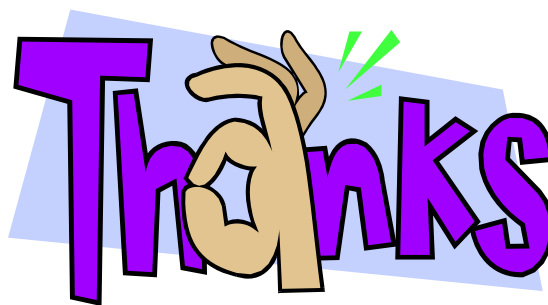
*Here are some things that might happen in a maths class.  
Do they often happen in your maths classes? Tick yes or no  
on each line.*

	<i>Yes</i>
26. The teacher checks my homework.....	<b>95%</b>
27. We check each other's homework .....	<b>23%</b>
28. I use a computer for maths .....	<b>18%</b>
29. I work with one or two of my classmates .....	<b>55%</b>
30. I use maths equipment (like weighing scales, measuring tape) to solve problems.....	<b>70%</b>
31. I do a maths test.....	<b>91%</b>
32. We talk about a maths problem before doing it on our own .....	<b>86%</b>
33. I explain to my class how I got the answer to a question .....	<b>59%</b>
34. I do a question on the board in front of the class .....	<b>63%</b>
35. The teacher helps me when I have a problem with a sum .....	<b>88%</b>



*Here are some things that people say about maths. Tick yes or no on each line to show if you agree or not.*

	<i>Yes</i>
<b>36.</b> 'I look forward to maths classes' .....	<b>59%</b>
<b>37.</b> 'I like the things I learn in maths' .....	<b>80%</b>
<b>38.</b> 'I am not very good at maths' .....	<b>28%</b>
<b>39.</b> 'I get very nervous doing maths' .....	<b>23%</b>
<b>40.</b> 'I learn maths quickly' .....	<b>72%</b>
<b>41.</b> 'In maths class, I understand most things' .....	<b>85%</b>
<b>42.</b> 'I work really hard at maths' .....	<b>92%</b>
<b>43.</b> 'In maths class, I prefer to work by myself' .....	<b>73%</b>
<b>44.</b> 'In maths class, I prefer to work in a group or pair' .....	<b>46%</b>
<b>45.</b> 'My parents want me to do well in maths' .....	<b>96%</b>
<b>46.</b> 'My friends really want to do well at maths' .....	<b>85%</b>
<b>47.</b> 'I really want to do well at maths' .....	<b>93%</b>
<b>48.</b> 'I like doing problems in maths' .....	<b>63%</b>



*Thank you for answering our questions.*