Reading and Mathematics Survey (2014)





Questionnaire for Pupils in Sixth Class

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Are you: a boy? 🗋 a girl? 🗋



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1. What age are you?

I am years old.

- 2. Were you born in Ireland? Yes No \Box_1 \Box_2
 - 2a. If you were <u>not born in Ireland</u>, how old were you when you came to live in Ireland?

I was

years old when I came to Ireland.

3. What languages do you speak at home?

		Yes	No
a)	English	\Box_1	\square_2
b)	Gaeilge (Irish)	\Box_1	\square_2
c)	A different language	\square_1	\square_2
	If a different language, what is it called?		
		Yes	No
	Do you go to extra classes in this language?	\Box_1	\square_2

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

	Only tick <u>one</u> box
a) English	\Box_1
b) Gaeilge (Irish)	\Box_2
c) A different language	\Box_3

5. How often do you do	Hardly ever	Once or twice a week	Three or four times a week	Every school day
English homework?	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
Maths homework?	\Box_1	\Box_2	\square_3	\Box_4



6.	Do you have these in your home?	Yes	No
a)	Computer or tablet	\Box_1	D ₂
b)	Games console (e.g. Playstation, Wii, Xbox)	\Box_1	\square_2
c)	Broadband (high speed) Internet access	\Box_1	\square_2
d)	TV in your bedroom	\Box_1	D ₂
e)	Calculator	\Box_1	\square_2
f)	Mobile phone/smartphone	\Box_1	\Box_2
g)	Personal music player (e.g. iPod, MP3 player)	\Box_1	\square_2

7. On a school day, how much time do you spend doing these things before or after school?

		More than 2 hours	1-2 hours	Less than an hour	No time
a)	Watching TV, videos or DVDs	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
	Playing games on a computer / console (e.g. Playstation, Wii, Xbox)	\Box_1	D ₂	\square_3	\Box_4
c)	Using the Internet	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
d)	Doing jobs at home	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
e)	Doing maths homework	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
f)	Doing English homework	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
g)	Reading a book for fun	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
h)	Reading a comic or magazine for fun	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
i)	Playing sports	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
j)	Attending clubs or activities (e.g., music, dance, art, language)		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
k)	Playing with friends	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
1)	Playing by yourself	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
m)	Taking part in a hobby (not already mentioned above)	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4

8. a)	Outside of school have extra lessons in			Yes	No		
		C		·	\square_2		
b)	have extra lessons in	maths?		\square_1	\square_2		
9.	How long would y	ou <i>like</i> to stay in s	school?				
	Do the Junior Cert.	Do the Leaving Cert.	Go to Colleg Universi	2	Don't know		
	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3		\Box_4		
10.	How long do you	think you <i>will actu</i>	<i>ally</i> stay in	school?			
	Do the Junior Cert.	Do the Leaving Cert.	Go to Colleg Universi	2	Don't know		
	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3		\Box_4		
About You as a Reader							
11.	How often do you	read each of the	following at	t home?			
			Every day, or most days	Once or twice a week	A few tim a monti	•	
a)	Magazines or comic	books	. 🗖 1	\Box_2	\square_3	\Box_4	
b)	Stories or novels		. 🛛 🖓	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	
c)	Information books		. 🗖 1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	
d)	Newspapers		. 🛛 🖓	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	
e)	Emails and internet		. 🛛 🖓	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	
f)	Electronic books (E-l	books)	. 🛛 🖓	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	
g)	Social media (like Fa	cebook or Twitter)	\Box_1	\Box_2	\square_3	\Box_4	
			Every day, or most days	Once or twice a week	A few times a month	Hardly ever	
12.	How often are you as e.g., from a library – (<i>Don't count class te</i> .	for homework?		\Box_2	\square_3	\Box_4	
13.	How often do you bo the <i>class/school</i> libra		\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	
14.	How often do you bo local library?		\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	

To answer the next few questions, think about when you are asked to read silently by yourself in English class.

15.	Before I read	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never			
a)	I make some guesses about what will happen	D ₁	\Box_2	\square_3	\Box_4			
b)	I think about what I am going to read	\Box_1	\Box_2	\square_3	\Box_4			
c)	I ask questions I would like answered	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4			
d)	I read the title to see what the story (or poem) is about	D ₁	\Box_2	\square_3	\Box_4			
16.	While I read	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never			
a)	I check to see if I understand what has happened so far	D ₁	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4			
b)	I see if I can answer the questions I asked before I started reading		\Box_2	\square_3	\Box_4			
c)	I try to work out what will happen next		\Box_2	\square_3	\Box_4			
d)	I re-read parts that I don't understand		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4			
17.	After I read	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never			
a)	I check to see if I found out what I wanted to		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4			
b)	I check to see if I understand the main points		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4			
c)	I think about how I would have acted if I were the main character		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4			
d)	I compare the story to other stories I have read	D ₁	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4			
18	3. How much time do you spend read normal day?	ding for e	njoyment <u>e</u>	outside of sc	<u>hool </u> on a			
	<i>Tick <u>one</u> box only</i>							
8	a) Less than 30 minutes		D ₁					
ł	b) 30 minutes up to 1 hour		🗖 2					
C	c) From 1 hour up to 2 hours		D ₃					
Ċ	a) 2 hours or more		🗖4					

19. How much time do you spend reading on a weekend day?

Tick only <u>one</u> box

- a) Less than 30 minutes \Box_1
- b) 30 minutes up to 1 hour..... \Box_2
- c) From 1 hour up to 2 hours \square_3
- d) 2 hours or more \Box_4

Here are some things that people say about reading and school. You might agree with some of the things and not with others. Mark on each line the answer that suits you best.

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
20.	'I like reading'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
21.	'Reading is boring'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
22.	'I only read if I have to'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
23.	'I feel happy if I get a book as a present'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
24.	'For me, reading is a waste of time'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
25.	'I enjoy going to a bookshop or library'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
26.	'I read only to get the information I need'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\Box_5
27.	'I cannot sit and read for more than a few minutes'		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
28.	'My teacher thinks I am a good reader'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
29.	'I don't like reading something when the words are too difficult'		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
30.	'Complicated stories are no fun to read'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
31.	'It is important for me to do well at reading'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\Box_5
32.	'I know I will be good at reading next year'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\Box_5
33.	'I am a good reader'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\Box_5
34.	'I learn more from reading than most other pupils in the class'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
35.	'I can understand the most difficult school books I am asked to read'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5

36. When you are doing <u>maths homework</u>, how often do you do the following?

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
a) Ask someone for help (e.g. parent, grandparent, sibling)	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
b) Ask someone to check your answers	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
c) Use a calculator	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
d) Use a computer/computing device	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
e) Use things at home to help solve problems (e.g., weighing scales, measuring tape)	\Box_1	\Box_2	\square_3	\Box_4

37. How often does each of these things happen in your <u>maths lessons</u> at school?

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
a)	I use a calculator	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
b)	I use a computer/computing device for maths		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
c)	I estimate (guess) the answer to a sum before doing it		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
d)	I work in a pair or a small group	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
e)	I use maths equipment (e.g., weighing scales, measuring tape) to solve problems		\Box_2	\square_3	\Box_4
f)	I do a maths test	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
g)	We talk about a maths problem before doing it on our own		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
h)	I explain to the teacher how I got the answer to a question	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
i)	I begin my homework in class	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
j)	I do a sum on the board in front of the class	D ₁	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
k)	I use a table book	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4

Here are some things that people say about maths and school. You might agree with some of the things and not with others. Mark on each line the answer that suits you best.

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
38.	'I often think about how I can use maths in everyday life'	\Box_1	\square_2	D ₃	\Box_4	\Box_5
39.	'I often think of other ways to get the answer to a problem'		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
40.	'I learn as much maths as I can off by heart'	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
41.	'I try to understand new ideas in maths by thinking about what I already know'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\Box_5
42.	'I go through examples again and again to help me remember them'	\Box_1	\square_2	D ₃	\Box_4	\square_5
43.	'I try to remember every step when doing a problem'		\square_2	D ₃	\Box_4	\Box_5
44.	'I worry that I will find maths class hard'	\square_1	\square_2	D ₃	\Box_4	\Box_5
45.	'I am not very good at maths'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\Box_5
46.	'I get worried when I have to do maths homework'	D ₁	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
47.	'I get good marks in maths'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
48.	'I learn maths quickly'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
49.	'Maths is one of my best subjects'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\Box_5
50.	'In my maths class, I understand even the hardest problems'	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\Box_5
51.	'I worry that I will get poor marks in maths'	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\Box_5
52.	'I enjoy learning new things in maths lessons'	\square_1	\square_2	D ₃	\Box_4	\Box_5
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Thank you for answering our questions.