



Reading Student Questionnaire

2019
Grade 8

1. How easy or difficult was this test?

- Ⓐ Extremely difficult
- Ⓑ Quite difficult
- Ⓒ Somewhat difficult
- Ⓓ Somewhat easy
- Ⓔ Quite easy
- Ⓕ Extremely easy

2. How much effort did you apply to succeed on this test?

- Ⓐ No effort at all
- Ⓑ Very little effort
- Ⓒ Some effort
- Ⓓ Quite a bit of effort
- Ⓔ A lot of effort

3. Are you Hispanic or Latino? Select **one or more** answer choices.

- Ⓐ No, I am not Hispanic or Latino.
- Ⓑ Yes, I am Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano.
- Ⓒ Yes, I am Puerto Rican or Puerto Rican American.
- Ⓓ Yes, I am Cuban or Cuban American.
- Ⓔ Yes, I am from some other Hispanic or Latino background.

4. Which of the following best describes you? Select **one or more** answer choices.

- Ⓐ White
- Ⓑ Black or African American
- Ⓒ Asian
- Ⓓ American Indian or Alaska Native
- Ⓔ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

5. About how many books are there in your home?

- Ⓐ Few (0–10)
- Ⓑ Enough to fill one shelf (11–25)
- Ⓒ Enough to fill one bookcase (26–100)
- Ⓓ Enough to fill several bookcases (more than 100)

6. Do you have any of the following in your home? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Access to the Internet	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271105
b. Your own bedroom	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH336762
c. A desktop or laptop computer (including Chromebooks) that you can use	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH591976
d. A tablet (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire) that you can use	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271110
e. A smartphone (for example, iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, HTC One) that you can use	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271112

7. How often do you use the Internet for homework at home?

- A Never
- B About once or twice a month
- C About once or twice a week
- D Almost every day
- E Every day

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

- A None
- B 1 or 2 days
- C 3 or 4 days
- D 5 to 10 days
- E More than 10 days

9. How often do you talk about things you have studied in school with someone in your family?

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once every few weeks
- Ⓒ About once a week
- Ⓓ Two or three times a week
- Ⓔ Every day

10. How far in school did **your mother** go?

- Ⓐ She did not finish high school.
- Ⓑ She graduated from high school.
- Ⓒ She had some education after high school.
- Ⓓ She graduated from college.
- Ⓔ I don't know.

11. How far in school did **your father** go?

- Ⓐ He did not finish high school.
- Ⓑ He graduated from high school.
- Ⓒ He had some education after high school.
- Ⓓ He graduated from college.
- Ⓔ I don't know.

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12. Does **your mother** work?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

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13. Does **your father** work?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

14. Do any of the following people live in your home? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Mother	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271145
b. Stepmother	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271146
c. Foster mother or other female legal guardian	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271147
d. Father	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271148
e. Stepfather	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271149
f. Foster father or other male legal guardian	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271150

15. In this school year, how often did you use a **laptop or desktop computer** (including Chromebooks) during your classes at school?

- A Never
- B In some classes
- C In about half of the classes
- D In more than half of the classes
- E In all or almost all classes

16. In this school year, how often did you use a **tablet** (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire) during your classes at school?

- A Never
- B In some classes
- C In about half of the classes
- D In more than half of the classes
- E In all or almost all classes

17. How much does each of the following statements describe you? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all like me	A little bit like me	Somewhat like me	Quite a bit like me	Very much like me	
a. I finish whatever I begin.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH733142
b. I try very hard even after making mistakes.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH733143
c. I keep working hard even when I feel like quitting.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH733145
d. I keep trying to improve myself, even when it takes a long time to get there.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH733144

18. How much does each of the following statements describe you? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all like me	A little bit like me	Somewhat like me	Quite a bit like me	Very much like me	
a. I like complex problems more than easy problems.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH733150
b. I like activities that challenge my thinking abilities.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH733151
c. I enjoy situations where I will have to think about something.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH733155
d. I enjoy thinking about new solutions to problems.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH733154

19. In this school year, how often have you done each of the following? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never or hardly ever	Less than half of the time	About half of the time	More than half of the time	All or almost all of the time	
a. I started working on assignments right away rather than waiting until the last minute.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271370
b. I paid attention and resisted distractions.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271372
c. I stayed on task without reminders from my teacher.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271374
d. I paid attention in class even when I was not interested.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271375

20. In this school year, how often have you felt any of the following ways about your school? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never or hardly ever	Less than half of the time	About half of the time	More than half of the time	All or almost all of the time	
a. I felt awkward and out of place at school.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271942
b. I felt happy at school.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271944
c. I felt that I learned something that I can use in my daily life.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH336903

21. Are you taking an art course this school year (for example, drawing, painting, or studio art)?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No

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22. For your English/language arts class this year, how often do you do each of the following? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never	About once or twice a year	About once or twice a month	About once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Have a class discussion about something that the whole class has read	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH332888
b. Work in pairs or small groups to talk about something that you have read	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH332889

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23. In your English/language arts class this year, when reading a story, article, or other passage, how often does your teacher ask you to do the following? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never or hardly ever	Once in a while	Sometimes	Often	Always or almost always	
a. Evaluate the main evidence in a persuasive/argument passage	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH260256
b. Analyze the author's organization of information in a passage	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH333142

24. In your English/language arts class this year, when reading a story, article, or other passage, how often does your teacher ask you to do the following? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never or hardly ever	Once in a while	Sometimes	Often	Always or almost always	
a. Summarize the passage	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH333075
b. Interpret the meaning of the passage	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH333076
c. Question the motives or feelings of the characters	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH333079
d. Identify the main ideas of the passage	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH333078
e. Identify the themes of the passage	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH333094

25. For school this year, how often have you been asked to write long answers (several sentences or paragraphs) to questions on tests or assignments that involved reading?

- (A) Never
- (B) Once
- (C) Two or three times
- (D) Four or five times
- (E) More than five times

26. On a typical school day, how much time do you use a computer or other digital device to do your **English/language arts** schoolwork?

- Ⓐ Less than 30 minutes
- Ⓑ About 30 minutes
- Ⓒ About 1 hour
- Ⓓ About 2 hours
- Ⓔ About 3 hours
- Ⓕ 4 or more hours

27. In this school year, how often do you borrow reading materials (such as books or magazines) from your classroom library, school library, or media center?

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ About once or twice a year
- Ⓒ About once or twice a month
- Ⓓ About once or twice a week
- Ⓔ Every day or almost every day

28. Do you think you would be able to do each of the following when reading? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	I definitely can't	I probably can't	Maybe	I probably can	I definitely can	
a. Figure out the meaning of a word you don't know by using other words in the text	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH260848
b. Explain the meaning of something you have read	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH260849
c. Figure out the main idea of a text	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH260851
d. Find text in a reading passage to help you answer a question on a test	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH260859
e. Recognize when you don't understand something you are reading	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH260861

29. Do you think you would be able to do each of the following when reading? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	I definitely can't	I probably can't	Maybe	I probably can	I definitely can	
a. Recognize the difference between fact and opinion in a text	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH260863
b. Judge the reliability of sources (for example, how a website might be biased or inaccurate)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH260857
c. Critique an author's craft or technique	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH260866
d. Use evidence from a text to support my answer	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH616841
e. Identify the author's perspective in a persuasive text	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH260868

30. How much does each of the following statements describe you? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all like me	A little bit like me	Somewhat like me	Quite a bit like me	Exactly like me	
a. I want other students to think I am good at reading.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH844065
b. I want to show others that my English/language arts schoolwork is easy for me.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH844066
c. I want to look smart in comparison to the other students in my English/language arts class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH844068
d. I want to get better English/language arts grades than most other students in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH844070

31. How much does each of the following statements describe you? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all like me	A little bit like me	Somewhat like me	Quite a bit like me	Exactly like me	
a. I want to learn as much as possible in my English/language arts class.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH844096
b. I want to become a better reader this year.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH844097
c. I want to understand as much as I can in my English/language arts class.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH844098
d. I want to master a lot of new English/language arts skills in my class.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH844100

32. How much does each of the following statements describe you? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all like me	A little bit like me	Somewhat like me	Quite a bit like me	Exactly like me	
a. Reading is one of my favorite activities.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH844169
b. I like talking about books with other people.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH844170
c. I think reading is important.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH844172
d. I enjoy going to a bookstore or a library.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH844171

33. Besides doing homework, how much time do you spend reading **outside of school**?

- Ⓐ Less than 30 minutes a day
- Ⓑ About 30 minutes a day
- Ⓒ About 1 hour a day
- Ⓓ About 2 hours a day
- Ⓔ About 3 hours a day
- Ⓕ 4 or more hours a day

34. How often do you typically read each of the following **outside of school** (print or online)? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never	About once or twice a year	About once or twice a month	About once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Stories or novels	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH261066
b. E-mails	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH261074
c. Text messages	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH261075
d. Biographies	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH617043

35. How often do you receive help from a tutor, family member, or friend with English/language arts **outside of school or after school**?

- (A) Never
- (B) About once or twice a year
- (C) About once or twice a month
- (D) About once or twice a week
- (E) Every day or almost every day

36. How often do you typically do each of the following things **outside of school**? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never	About once or twice a year	About once or twice a month	About once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Talk about books (print or online) with other people	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH260907
b. Go to my local library to borrow books (print or online)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH260911
c. Read blogs	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH260913
d. Use social media (for example, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH333261
e. Help friends with reading homework	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH260917