



Reading Student Questionnaire

2022
Grade 8

VH260313

1. How easy or difficult was this test?

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

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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

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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"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	VH271105
b. Your own bedroom	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	VH336762
c. A desktop or laptop computer (including Chromebooks) that you can use	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	VH591976
d. A tablet (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire) that you can use	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	VH271110
e. A smartphone (for example, iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, HTC One) that you can use	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	VH271112

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

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

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

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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	VH271145
b. Stepmother	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	VH271146
c. Foster mother or other female legal guardian	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	VH271147
d. Father	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	VH271148
e. Stepfather	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	VH271149
f. Foster father or other male legal guardian	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	VH271150

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

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

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ In some classes
- Ⓒ In about half of the classes
- Ⓓ In more than half of the classes
- Ⓔ 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.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH733142
b. I try very hard even after making mistakes.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH733143
c. I keep working hard even when I feel like quitting.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH733145
d. I keep trying to improve myself, even when it takes a long time to get there.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	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. Are you taking an art course this school year (for example, drawing, painting, or studio art)?

- Ⓐ Yes
Ⓑ No

21. 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	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH332888
b. Work in pairs or small groups to talk about something that you have read	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH332889

22. 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	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH260256
b. Analyze the author's organization of information in a passage	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH333142

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. Summarize the passage	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH333075
b. Interpret the meaning of the passage	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH333076
c. Question the motives or feelings of the characters	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH333079
d. Identify the main ideas of the passage	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH333078
e. Identify the themes of the passage	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH333094

24. 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

25. 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	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH260848
b. Explain the meaning of something you have read	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH260849
c. Figure out the main idea of a text	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH260851
d. Find text in a reading passage to help you answer a question on a test	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH260859
e. Recognize when you don't understand something you are reading	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH260861

26. 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

27. 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.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH844096
b. I want to become a better reader this year.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH844097
c. I want to understand as much as I can in my English/language arts class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH844098
d. I want to master a lot of new English/language arts skills in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH844100

28. 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.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH844169
b. I like talking about books with other people.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH844170
c. I think reading is important.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH844172
d. I enjoy going to a bookstore or a library.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH844171

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

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

30. 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	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH261066
b. Biographies	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH617043
c. E-mails	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH261074
d. Text messages	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH261075

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

- Ⓐ 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

32. 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	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH260907
b. Go to my local library to borrow books (print or online)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH260911
c. Read blogs	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH260913

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33. During the last school year, did you ever attend school from home or somewhere else outside of school because of the COVID-19 outbreak?

- ☐ A Yes
- ☐ B No
- ☐ C I do not remember.

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34. During the last school year, did you attend this school or did you attend a different school?

- ☐ A This school
- ☐ B Different school

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35. While attending school from home or somewhere else outside of school, did you have the following things available to you to complete your schoolwork or online classes? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Yes, available all the time	Yes, available some of the time	No, not available	I do not remember.	
a. Access to high-speed internet	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VR233416
b. A desktop computer, a laptop computer, or tablet	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VR233417
c. A smartphone (for example, iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, HTC One)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VR233418
d. A printer	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VR233419
e. School supplies (for example, paper and pencil)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VR233420
f. A quiet place to work	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VR233421

36. While attending school from home or somewhere else outside of school, how often did you do the following things for school? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never or hardly ever	About once or twice a month	About once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	I do not remember.	
a. Use paper textbooks, workbooks, or worksheets	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR233422
b. Use online textbooks, workbooks, or worksheets	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR233423
c. Participate in real-time video lessons with your teacher (for example, on Google Meet or Zoom)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR233425
d. Watch recorded lessons prepared by your teacher	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR233426
e. Watch instructional videos from other sources	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR233427

37. While attending school from home or somewhere else outside of school, how often did the following things happen? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never or hardly ever	About once or twice a month	About once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	I do not remember.	
a. My teacher was available to help me with English/language arts schoolwork (for example, through virtual office hours, phone, e-mail, chat).	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR233428
b. My teacher asked me to work online with my classmates in small groups to complete English/language arts assignments.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR233429
c. My teacher asked me to take English/language arts quizzes and tests online.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR233430

38. How difficult or easy was it for you to learn while attending school from home or somewhere else outside of school?

- ☐ A A lot more difficult than learning at school
- ☐ B Somewhat more difficult than learning at school
- ☐ C Somewhat easier than learning at school
- ☐ D A lot easier than learning at school

39. While attending school from home or somewhere else outside of school, how often did someone help you with your schoolwork?

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ About once or twice a month
- Ⓒ About once or twice a week
- Ⓓ Every day or almost every day
- Ⓔ I do not remember.

40. While attending school from home or somewhere else outside of school, did any of the following people help you with your schoolwork or online classes? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Mother, stepmother, foster mother or other female legal guardian	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VR233460
b. Father, stepfather, foster father or other male legal guardian	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VR233463
c. Brother or sister	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VR233466
d. Other person	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VR233467

- 41.** Thinking about attending school from home or somewhere else outside of school for your English/language arts class, do you think you would be able to do each of the following things? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	I definitely can't	I probably can't	Maybe	I probably can	I definitely can	
a. Recognize when you don't understand something you are learning	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓔ	VR233442
b. Ask for help when you need it	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓔ	VR233443
c. Find learning resources online to learn more about something you don't understand	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓔ	VR233444