



Student Background Questionnaire

**2000 Reading
Grade 4**

Section 1

This section has 21 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only one oval for each question.

1 Which best describes you?

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- Ⓐ White(not Hispanic)
- Ⓑ Black (not Hispanic)
- Ⓒ Hispanic ("Hispanic" means someone who is Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or from some other Spanish or Hispanic background.)
- Ⓓ Asian or Pacific Islander ("Asian or Pacific Islander " means someone who is Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Vietnamese, Asian American, or from some other Asian or Pacific Island background.)
- Ⓔ American Indian or Alaskan Native ("American Indian or Alaskan Native" means someone who is from one of the American Indian tribes, or one of the original people of Alaska.)
- Ⓕ Other (what?) Write your answer on the line. _____

2 If you are Hispanic, what is your Hispanic background?

TB003101

- Ⓐ IamnotHispanic.
- Ⓑ Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano
- Ⓒ Puerto Rican
- Ⓓ Cuban
- Ⓔ Other Spanish or Hispanic background

3 How long have you lived in the United States?

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- Ⓐ More than 5 years
- Ⓑ 3-5 years
- Ⓒ Less than 3 years

4 How often do the people in your home speak a language other than English?

TB003201

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ Sometimes
- Ⓒ Always

5 Did your mother graduate from high school? ("Mother" can be a mother, stepmother, or female guardian.)

ID100314

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

6 Did your mother have some education after high school? ("Mother" can be a mother, stepmother, or female guardian.)

ID100315

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

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ID100316

7. Did your mother graduate from college? ("Mother" can be a mother, stepmother, or female guardian.)

☐ A Yes
☐ B No
☐ C I don't know.

ID100317

8. Did your father graduate from high school? ("Father" can be a father, stepfather, or male guardian.)

☐ A Yes
☐ B No
☐ C I don't know.

ID100318

9. Did your father have some education after high school? ("Father" can be a father, stepfather, or male guardian.)

☐ A Yes
☐ B No
☐ C I don't know.

ID100319

10. Did your father graduate from college? ("Father" can be a father, stepfather, or male guardian.)

☐ A Yes
☐ B No
☐ C I don't know.

TB000901

11. Does your family get a newspaper regularly?

☐ A Yes
☐ B No
☐ C I don't know.

TB000903

12. Is there an encyclopedia in your home?

☐ A Yes
☐ B No
☐ C I don't know.

13. Are there more than 25 books in your home?

TB000904

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

14. Does your family get any magazines regularly?

TB000905

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

15. How much television do you usually watch each day?

TB001801

- Ⓐ None
- Ⓑ 1 hour or less
- Ⓒ 2 hours
- Ⓓ 3 hours
- Ⓔ 4 hours
- Ⓕ 5 hours
- Ⓖ 6 hours or more

16. How much time do you usually spend on homework each day?

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- Ⓐ I don't usually have homework assigned.
- Ⓑ I have homework but I don't usually do it.
- Ⓒ 1/2 hour or less
- Ⓓ 1 hour
- Ⓔ More than 1 hour

17. About how many pages a day do you have to read in school and for homework?

TB001101

- Ⓐ More than 20
- Ⓑ 16-20
- Ⓒ 11-15
- Ⓓ 6-10
- Ⓔ 5 or fewer

18. How many days of school did you miss last month?

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

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HE000712

19. Within the past two years, how many times have you changed schools because you changed where you lived?

- ☐ A None
- ☐ B 1
- ☐ C 2
- ☐ D 3 or more

HE000717

20. How often do you discuss things you have studied in school with someone at home?

- ☐ A Almost every day
- ☐ B Once or twice a week
- ☐ C Once or twice a month
- ☐ D Never or hardly ever

HE000713

21. How often do you use a computer for schoolwork?

- ☐ A Almost every day
- ☐ B Once or twice a week
- ☐ C Once or twice a month
- ☐ D Never or hardly ever



SECTION 4

Section 4

This section has 22 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question.

HE000687

1. During the past month, how many books have you read on your own outside of school?

- ☐ Ⓐ None
- ☐ Ⓑ 1 or 2
- ☐ Ⓒ 3 or 4
- ☐ Ⓓ 5 or more

TR810201

2. What kind of a reader do you think you are?

- ☐ Ⓐ A very good reader
- ☐ Ⓑ A good reader
- ☐ Ⓒ An average reader
- ☐ Ⓓ A poor reader

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Questions 3-8. How often do you do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Almost Every Day	Once or Twice a Week	Once or Twice a Month	Never or Hardly Ever	
3. Read for fun on your own time	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ	TR810001
4. Talk with your friends or family about something you have read	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ	TR810002
5. Take books out of the school library or public library for your own enjoyment	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ	TR810003
6. Read a story or novel	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ	HE000684
7. Read a newspaper	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ	HE000685
8. Read a magazine	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ	HE000686

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UH000113

Questions 9-16. When you have reading assignments in school, how often does your teacher do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Almost Every Day	Once or Twice a Week	Once or Twice a Month	Never or Hardly Ever	
9. Ask you to do a group activity or project about what you have read	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	TR810105
10. Ask you to read aloud	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	TR810402
11. Ask you to read silently	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	TR810412
12. Give you time to read books you have chosen yourself	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	TR810413
13. Ask you to talk to other students about what you have read	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	TR810102
14. Ask you to write something about what you have read	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	TR810104
15. Help you break words into parts	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	ID100186
16. Help you understand new words	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	ID100187

ID100188

17. Do you and your teacher review your progress in reading by looking at your work together?

- ☐ A Yes
☐ B No

ID100189

18. Is there a school or public library available that you can use?

- ☐ A Yes
☐ B No



HE000694

Questions 19-22. How often do you use the school library or public library to do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Almost Every Day	Once or Twice a Week	Once or Twice a Month	Once or Twice a Year	Never or Hardly Ever	
19. Do research for a school assignment	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	HE000695
20. Borrow books for a school assignment	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	HE000696
21. Use a computer	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	ID100190
22. Have a quiet place to study	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	HE000698



Section 5

This section has 5 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question.

ID100376

1. How hard did you try on this test compared to how hard you tried on most other reading tests or assignments you have taken this year in school?

Ⓐ Much harder than on other reading tests or assignments
 Ⓑ Harder than on other reading tests or assignments
 Ⓒ About as hard as on other reading tests or assignments
 Ⓓ Not as hard as on other reading tests or assignments

ID100377

2. How important was it to you to do well on this reading test?

Ⓐ Very important
 Ⓑ Important
 Ⓒ Somewhat important
 Ⓓ Not very important

HE000781

3. This year in school, how often have you been asked to write long answers to questions on tests or assignments that involved reading?

Ⓐ At least once a week
 Ⓑ Once or twice a month
 Ⓒ Once or twice this year
 Ⓓ Never

ID100341

Questions 4-5. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

- | | Strongly
Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly
Disagree | |
|---|-------------------|-------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| 4. My friends make fun of people who try to do really well in school. | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | Ⓓ | ID100342 |
| 5. I have friends that I would talk to if I needed help with a school assignment. | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | Ⓓ | ID100343 |

