



**Science**  
**Student Questionnaire**

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**2015**  
**Grade 4**

# SECTION 3

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In this section, please tell us about yourself and your family. Please answer questions about your home based on where you live most of the time during the school year. The section has 11 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question except where instructed otherwise.

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1. Are you Hispanic or Latino? Fill in **one or more ovals**.

- Ⓐ 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.

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2. Which of the following best describes you? Fill in **one or more ovals**.

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

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3. 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)

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4. Is there a computer at home that you use?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

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5. Do you have the following in your home? Fill in ovals for **all** that apply.

- Ⓐ Access to the Internet
- Ⓑ Clothes dryer just for your family
- Ⓒ Dishwasher
- Ⓓ More than one bathroom
- Ⓔ Your own bedroom

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

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

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7. 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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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 people in your home talk to each other in a language other than English?

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ Once in a while
- Ⓒ About half of the time
- Ⓓ All or most of the time

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10. Do the following people live in your home? Fill in ovals for **all** that apply.

- Ⓐ Mother
- Ⓑ Stepmother
- Ⓒ Foster mother or other female legal guardian
- Ⓓ Father
- Ⓔ Stepfather
- Ⓕ Foster father or other male legal guardian

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11. Write the ZIP code of your home address in the boxes.

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# SECTION 4

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This section has 32 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question.

1. In this school year, how often have you done activities or projects in science? VC315287
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once every few weeks
- Ⓒ About once a week
- Ⓓ Two or three times a week
- Ⓔ Every day or almost every day
2. In this school year, have you done activities or projects to learn about living things (for example, plants, animals, bacteria)? VH157864
- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
3. In this school year, have you done activities or projects to learn about electricity (for example, circuits, batteries, and light bulbs)? VH157868
- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
4. In this school year, have you done activities or projects to learn about chemicals (for example, mixing sugar or salt in water)? VH157871
- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

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5. In this school year, have you done activities or projects to learn about rocks or minerals (for example, looking at different rocks)?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

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6. In this school year, how often have you done science activities using scientific tools (for example, telescopes, microscopes, thermometers, or weighing scales)?

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

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7. In this school year, how often have you read a science textbook?

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

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8. In this school year, how often have you read a book or magazine about science?

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

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9. In this school year, how often have you read about science on the computer?

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

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10. In this school year, how often have you watched a movie, video, or DVD about science?

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



11. In this school year, how often have you discussed news stories about science?  
VC315249
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
  - Ⓑ Once every few weeks
  - Ⓒ About once a week
  - Ⓓ Two or three times a week
  - Ⓔ Every day or almost every day
12. In this school year, how often have you worked with other students on a science activity or project?  
VC315270
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
  - Ⓑ Once every few weeks
  - Ⓒ About once a week
  - Ⓓ Two or three times a week
  - Ⓔ Every day or almost every day
13. In this school year, how often have you presented what you learned about science to your class?  
VC315259
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
  - Ⓑ Once every few weeks
  - Ⓒ About once a week
  - Ⓓ Two or three times a week
  - Ⓔ Every day or almost every day
14. In this school year, how often have you taken a science test or quiz?  
VC315256
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
  - Ⓑ Once every few weeks
  - Ⓒ About once a week
  - Ⓓ Two or three times a week
  - Ⓔ Every day or almost every day
15. In this school year, how often have you talked about measurements or results from your science activities or projects?  
VC315288
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
  - Ⓑ Once every few weeks
  - Ⓒ About once a week
  - Ⓓ Two or three times a week
  - Ⓔ Every day or almost every day
16. In this school year, how often have you been asked to write about your science activities or projects (such as reports, science journals, or lab write-ups)?  
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- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
  - Ⓑ Once every few weeks
  - Ⓒ About once a week
  - Ⓓ Two or three times a week
  - Ⓔ Every day or almost every day

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17. In this school year, how often have you been asked to write long answers (several sentences or paragraphs) to questions on tests or assignments for science?

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

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18. In this school year, how often have you talked with your teacher about how you are doing in science?

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

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19. In this school year, how often have you used your school library or media center resources for science (such as books, magazines, computers, and audio-video materials)?

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

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20. In this school year, how often have you used computers for science?

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

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21. How often do you do science activities that are not for schoolwork?

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Sometimes
- Ⓒ Often
- Ⓓ Always or almost always

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22. How often do you feel you can understand what the teacher talks about in science class?

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Sometimes
- Ⓒ Often
- Ⓓ Always or almost always



23. How often do you feel you can do a good job on your science tests?  
VC315292
- (A) Never or hardly ever  
(B) Sometimes  
(C) Often  
(D) Always or almost always
24. How often do you feel you can do a good job on your science assignments?  
VC315294
- (A) Never or hardly ever  
(B) Sometimes  
(C) Often  
(D) Always or almost always
25. How much do you like studying science?  
VC315299
- (A) Very little  
(B) Some  
(C) Quite a bit  
(D) Very much
26. How often do you feel science is one of your favorite subjects?  
VC315302
- (A) Never or hardly ever  
(B) Sometimes  
(C) Often  
(D) Always or almost always
27. In this school year, have you participated in a science club, a science fair, or a science competition?  
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- (A) Yes  
(B) No
28. In this school year, have you visited a museum, zoo, or aquarium to learn about science on a school trip?  
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- (A) Yes  
(B) No
29. In this school year, have you visited a museum, zoo, or aquarium to learn about science that was **not** on a school trip?  
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- (A) Yes  
(B) No
30. How hard was this test compared to most other tests you have taken this year in school?  
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- (A) Easier than other tests  
(B) About as hard as other tests  
(C) Harder than other tests  
(D) Much harder than other tests

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

- Ⓐ Not as hard as on other tests
- Ⓑ About as hard as on other tests
- Ⓒ Harder than on other tests
- Ⓓ Much harder than on other tests

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

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

