



# Reading Student Questionnaire

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**2019  
Grade 8  
(Pilot)**

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1. In this school year, how often do you borrow reading materials (such as books or magazines) from your school (for example, a **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

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2. 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

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3. How often do you typically do each of the following activities **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. Read online about topics I am interested in	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH853656
b. Talk about things I read with other people	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH853657
c. Borrow or download books from a local library	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH853655
d. Use social media (for example, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH853654
e. Help friends with reading homework	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH853658

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4. 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
d. I worried about crime and violence at my school.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271940
e. I felt my teachers treated me fairly.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH853117
f. I felt safe on my way to or from school.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH853118

5. 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

6. 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

7. 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
e. I enjoy finding things to read online.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH853415

8. 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 author's use of figurative language (for example, symbolism, similes, metaphors, or personification)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH811229
b. Evaluate the author's use of features in a text (for example, figurative language, voice, or transition words)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH811227
c. Recognize tools the author is using (for example, rhyme, imagery, examples, or repetition)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH811231
d. Evaluate the strength and quality of evidence used by the author to support his or her position	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH811233
e. Evaluate the author's use of multimedia or non-print text (for example, texts including images, infographics, or animations)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH811237

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9. How often do you receive the following types of help with English/language arts schoolwork **outside of school or after 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. Help from a teacher	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH811190
b. Help from a tutor	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH811192
c. Help from a family member or friend	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH811196
d. Help from online resources (for example, websites or apps)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH811200

10. 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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11. How useful do you find each of the following types of help to understand your English/language arts schoolwork? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not useful at all	Somewhat useful	Very useful	I don't receive that type of help.	
a. Help from a teacher	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH811287
b. Help from a tutor	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH811291
c. Help from a family member or friend	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH811302
d. Help from online resources (for example, websites or apps)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH811304

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12. 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

13. 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

14. 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

15. 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. Biographies	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH617043
c. E-mails	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH261074
d. Text messages	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH261075

16. 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

17. 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 your answer	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH811215
e. Identify the author's perspective in a persuasive text	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH260868

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	Exactly like me	
a. I want other students to think I am good at reading.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH853764
b. I want to show others that my English/language arts schoolwork is easy for me.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH853765
c. I want to look smart in comparison to the other students in my English/language arts class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH853766
d. I want to get better English/language arts grades than most other students in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH853776

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19. 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)	VH853767
b. I want to become a better reader this year.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH853777
c. I want to understand as much as I can in my English/language arts class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH853774
d. I want to master a lot of new English/language arts skills in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH853770

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