



Reading Student Questionnaire

**2024
Grade 8**

VH260313±

1. How easy or difficult was this test?

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

VH333658±

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

VH240387±

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

- Ⓐ No, ~~I~~ am not Hispanic or Latino.
- Ⓑ Yes, ~~I~~ am Mexican, ~~I~~ 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.

VH240388±

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

VH240186±

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)±

VH271104±

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

VH354591±

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

VH240190±

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

VH240189±

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

VH240192±

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.

VH240193±

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.

VH271144±

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

VH591969±

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

VH271276±

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

VH852900±

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

- ☐ A Yes
- ☐ B No

18. Thinking about **this school year**, ~~do~~ you think you can do each of the following? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

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	I definitely can't	I probably can't	Maybe	I probably can	I definitely can	
a. Learn what you need to learn in your English/language arts class	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR740537
b. Know how to get the help you need for your English/language arts class	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR740538

VR740551±

19. Did you receive any tutoring in English/language arts **this school year**?

- ☐ A Yes
- ☐ B No

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20. To what extent did your English/language arts tutor make it easier for you to understand what you were learning?

- Ⓐ Not at all
- Ⓑ A little bit
- Ⓒ Somewhat
- Ⓓ Quite a bit
- Ⓔ A lot

VR740555±

21. How easy was it for you to understand the material in your English/language arts tutoring sessions?

- Ⓐ Not at all easy
- Ⓑ A little easy
- Ⓒ Somewhat easy
- Ⓓ Very easy
- Ⓔ Extremely easy

22. 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

23. 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

24. How much does each of the following statements describe the teachers at your school this year? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all like the teachers at my school	A little bit like the teachers at my school	Quite a bit like the teachers at my school	Exactly like the teachers at my school	
a. Teachers care about the students.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VR730781
b. Students feel comfortable talking with their teachers.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VR730782
c. Teachers expect students to do well.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VR730783
d. Teachers are available when students need them.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VR730784
e. Teachers try to understand students' problems.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VR730785
f. Teachers notice if I need help.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VR730786
g. Teachers treat all students respectfully.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VR730787

25. 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

VH260254±

26. In your English/language arts class this year, ~~when~~ when reading a story, ~~article,~~ or other passage, ~~how~~ 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

VH333074±

27. In your English/language arts class this year, ~~when~~ when reading a story, ~~article,~~ or other passage, ~~how~~ 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

VH588774±

28. 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?

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

VH598686±

29. 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

30. 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

31. 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	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH260863
b. Judge the reliability of sources (for example, how a website might be biased or inaccurate)±	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH260857
c. Critique an author's craft or technique	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH260866
d. Use evidence from a text to support my answer	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH616841
e. Identify the author's perspective in a persuasive text	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH260868

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. 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

33. 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.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH844169
b. I like talking about books with other people.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH844170
c. I think reading is important.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH844172
d. I enjoy going to a bookstore or a library.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH844171