



Reading 1
Pilot Student Questionnaire

2026
Grade 8

VH240387

1. 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.

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2. 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

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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)

4. Do you have any of the following in your home? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

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	Yes	No	
a. Access to the Internet	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271105
b. Your own bedroom	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH336762
c. A desktop or laptop computer (including Chromebooks) that you can use	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH591976
d. A tablet (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire) that you can use	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271110
e. A smartphone (for example, iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, Google Pixel) that you can use	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VR730789

5. Last school year, did you attend the same school as this school year?

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- ☐ A Yes
☐ B No

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The following questions are about your parents or guardians.

A “parent or guardian” is someone who raises and takes care of and provides financial resources to support you.

If you have more than two parents or guardians, answer the questions for two parents or guardians (parent or guardian “A” and parent or guardian “B”) that you spend the most time with.

- 6a. Who is your **Parent or Guardian “A”**?

- ☐ A Mother
☐ B Father
☐ C Stepmother
☐ D Stepfather
☐ E Other female relative
☐ F Other male relative
☐ G Nonbinary relative
☐ H Foster mother or other female guardian
☐ I Foster father or other male guardian

6b. Who is your Parent or Guardian “B”?

- ☐ Ⓐ Mother
- ☐ Ⓑ Father
- ☐ Ⓒ Stepmother
- ☐ Ⓓ Stepfather
- ☐ Ⓔ Other female relative
- ☐ Ⓕ Other male relative
- ☐ Ⓖ Nonbinary relative
- ☐ Ⓗ Foster mother or other female guardian
- ☐ ⓘ Foster father or other male guardian
- ☐ Ⓙ I don’t have a second parent/guardian.

Parent or Guardian “A”

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7a. How far in school did your [Parent or Guardian “A”] go?

- ☐ Ⓐ Did not finish high school
- ☐ Ⓑ Graduated from high school
- ☐ Ⓒ Had some education after high school
- ☐ Ⓓ Graduated from college
- ☐ Ⓔ I don’t know.

7b. Does your [Parent or Guardian “A”] work?

- ☐ Ⓐ Yes
- ☐ Ⓑ No
- ☐ ⓘ I don’t know.

Parent or Guardian “B”

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8a. How far in school did your [Parent or Guardian “B”] go?

- ☐ Ⓐ Did not finish high school
- ☐ Ⓑ Graduated from high school
- ☐ Ⓒ Had some education after high school
- ☐ Ⓓ Graduated from college
- ☐ ⓘ I don’t know.

8b. Does your [Parent or Guardian “B”] work?

- Ⓕ Yes
- Ⓖ No
- Ⓗ I don’t know.

9. During this school year, how often do you use a **computer, tablet, or Chromebook** to do the following things during your classes at school? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

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	Never or hardly ever	Once every few weeks	About once a week	Two or three times a week	Every day	
a. Practice a skill	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR586109
b. Create artwork	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR586113
c. Work with other students	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR586120
d. Create and share presentations	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR586121
e. Read about current events	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR586125

10. 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

11. 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 students.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VR586627
b. Students feel comfortable talking with their teachers.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VR586628
c. Teachers expect students to do well.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VR586630
d. Teachers are available when students need them.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VR586631
e. Teachers try to understand students' problems.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VR586633
f. Teachers notice if students need help.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VR586634
g. Teachers treat all students respectfully.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VR586636

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12. Think about the last topic that you read about on this test. How familiar were you with that topic before taking this test?

- Ⓐ Not at all
- Ⓑ A little bit
- Ⓒ Somewhat
- Ⓓ Quite a bit
- Ⓔ Very much
- Ⓕ I don't remember.

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13. Think about the last topic that you read about on this test. How interested were you in the topic?

- Ⓐ Not at all
- Ⓑ A little bit
- Ⓒ Somewhat
- Ⓓ Quite a bit
- Ⓔ Very much
- Ⓕ I don't remember.

14. How much does each of the following statements describe your experience taking this test? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all	A little bit	Somewhat	Quite a bit	Very much	
a. It was easy to read the words and sentences.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR590987
b. It was easy to understand the texts.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR590988
c. It was easy to complete.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR590989
d. It was easy to use the digital device.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR590992
e. It was easy to type my answers.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR590994
f. I had enough time to finish.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR590996

15. 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

16. 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

17. 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

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18. When you read for your English/language arts class, how often do you do the following things? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never or hardly ever	Once in a while	Sometimes	Often	Always or almost always	
a. Read the text again when you don't understand something	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR590947
b. Look at the text to help you answer questions	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR590951
c. Highlight or underline text	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR590952
d. Take notes	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR590953
e. Use things like pictures, videos, or links in the text to help you understand the text	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR590954

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19. Does your teacher give you class time to read for pleasure?

- (A) Yes
(B) No

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20. How much time do you usually spend reading for pleasure **outside of school**?

- (A) Less than 15 minutes a day
(B) 15 to 30 minutes a day
(C) 31 minutes to 1 hour a day
(D) More than 1 hour a day
(E) I don't read for enjoyment.

21. 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

22. 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

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

- (A) Never
- (B) About once or twice a year
- (C) About once or twice a month
- (D) About once or twice a week
- (E) Every day or almost every day

24. 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

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

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26. 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

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