



# **Reading 2 Pilot Student Questionnaire**

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**2026  
Grade 8**

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1. 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

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2. How easy or difficult was this test?

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

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3. 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.

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

The following questions are about your parents or guardians.

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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.

5a. Who is your **Parent or Guardian “A”**?

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

5b. Who is your **Parent or Guardian “B”**?

- ☐ Ⓐ Mother
- ☐ Ⓑ Father
- ☐ Ⓒ Stepmother
- ☐ Ⓓ Stepfather
- ☐ Ⓔ Other female relative
- ☐ Ⓕ Other male relative
- ☐ Ⓖ Nonbinary relative

- ☐ H Foster mother or other female guardian
- ☐ I Foster father or other male guardian
- ☐ J I don't have a second parent/guardian.

**Parent or Guardian "A"**

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**6a.** How far in school did your [Parent or Guardian "A"] go?

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

**6b.** Does your [Parent or Guardian "A"] work?

- ☐ F Yes
- ☐ G No
- ☐ H I don't know.

**Parent or Guardian "B"**

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**7a.** How far in school did your [Parent or Guardian "B"] go?

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

**7b.** Does your [Parent or Guardian "B"] work?

- ☐ F Yes
- ☐ G No
- ☐ H I don't know.

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8. 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.

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

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9. How often do you use the Internet for homework at home?

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

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10. How often do you talk about things you have studied in school with someone in your family?

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

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11. 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.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH733150
b. I like activities that challenge my thinking abilities.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH733151
c. I enjoy situations where I will have to think about something.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH733155
d. I enjoy thinking about new solutions to problems.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH733154

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12. How many days were you absent from school in the last month?

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

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

- ☐ A Yes
- ☐ B No

14. 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

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

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

16. 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.

17. 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.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR590987
b. It was easy to understand the texts.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR590988
c. It was easy to complete.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR590989
d. It was easy to use the digital device.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR590992
e. It was easy to type my answers.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR590994
f. I had enough time to finish.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR590996



18. 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

19. 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. Compare what you read to your experiences	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR590944
b. Think about what you already know about the topic	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR590946
c. Ask yourself questions about the text before you read	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR600518
d. Have your own opinions about the text	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR590948
e. Use what you read to help you in new situations	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR590949
f. Use other words to figure out the meaning of a word	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR590950

20. 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**)?

- (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

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21. Are you able to get reading materials **outside of school**?

- Ⓐ Yes  
Ⓑ No

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22. 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

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23. How often do you use the following when reading for enjoyment **outside of school**?

Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never or hardly ever	Once every few weeks	About once a week	Two or three times a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Texts on paper (for example, printed books or magazines)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR591034
b. A desktop or laptop computer (including Chromebooks)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR591035
c. A tablet (for example, Surface Pro, iPad)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR591036
d. A smartphone (for example, iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, Google Pixel)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR591038

24. Do you prefer to read texts on paper (printed texts) or on a screen (digital texts) when reading for enjoyment?

- Ⓐ Print
- Ⓑ Digital
- Ⓒ I don't have a preference.
- Ⓓ I don't read for enjoyment.

25. How often do you read with someone you live with? This can include reading to someone, someone reading to you, or you reading with someone.

- Ⓐ 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

26. 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	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH811190
b. Help from a tutor	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH811192
c. Help from a family member or friend	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH811196
d. Help from online resources (for example, websites or apps)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH811200

27. How often do you typically do each of the following things **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. Talk about books (print or online) with other people	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH260907
b. Go to my local library to borrow books (print or online)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH260911
c. Read blogs	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH260913

28. Do you do the following activities **outside of school**? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Read on paper (for example, printed books or magazines)	(A)	(B)	VR591022
b. Read on a screen (for example, on a phone, tablet, or computer)	(A)	(B)	VR591023
c. Listen to audiobooks	(A)	(B)	VR591024
d. Read something on social media	(A)	(B)	VR591025

29. How often do you participate in after-school activities that involve reading (for example, book clubs or reading competitions)?

- (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

30. Do you think you would be able to do each of the following when reading? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	<b>I definitely can't</b>	<b>I probably can't</b>	<b>Maybe</b>	<b>I probably can</b>	<b>I definitely can</b>	
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