



IEA-Reading Literacy Study:

Population A

Booklet A3

Student Questionnaire

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Accompanying Notes

Questions 1 (Age):

Age may be collected in a way which is most appropriate for each country, but must be reported in years and months.

Questions 8 and 9 (Possessions):

It is for NRCs to decide on the items they will use. From the univariates in the pilot testing it is easy to see which items were not discriminating (i.e. one category contains more than 90% of the responses) and these should be changed. There should be ten items for Question 8 and eight items for Question 9 (see also Table 2 in 'Univariates for Background Questionnaires' - doc. ref. RL/ALL/90.436).

Question 14 (Borrow books from a library):

This means any library (e.g. school, town, mobile library).

Question 19-22 (Reading Homework):

Reading homework includes any reading work set to be done at home to improve reading or language skills in the language of the test.

Question 24 (Written Work):

Written work includes answering set questions, writing book reports, completing work sheets - in fact, any kind of written response.

Questions 25 - 43:

These questions were formerly in the Reading Activity Inventory. The Student Questionnaire is considerably shorter and administration time has been reduced by combining these two instruments. A number of NRCs felt that this step would be desirable.

Question 25:


Students need not have **completed** a book in one week.



Identification:	target pop.	_____
	country	_____
	language	_____
	stratum	_____
	school	_____
	class	_____
	teacher	_____
	student	_____
seq. no.	_____	

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 **Directions:**

Please answer all of the following questions as best as you can. If you need help, ask me (NRC: this is read by the test administrator/teacher).

A. Questions about yourself and your home (Questions 1 to 18)

1 How old are you?
_____ years and _____ months

- ASAGEY
- ASAGEM

2 Are you a boy or a girl?
(Circle one only)

Boy..... 1
Girl..... 2

- ASSEX

3 How often do you speak [language of test] at home?
(Circle one only)

- Always 1
- Almost always 2
- Sometimes..... 3
- Hardly ever..... 4
- Never..... 5

- ASUSLAN

4 How often do you eat each of the following meals?
(Circle one number on each line)

- ASMEAL 1
- ASMEAL 2
- ASMEAL 3

	Never	1 or 2 times a week	3 or 4 times a week	Every day
Breakfast	1	2	3	4
Lunch	1	2	3	4
Evening meal	1	2	3	4

5 Do you get a **daily** newspaper at home?
(Circle one only)

- ASNEWS

- No 1
- Yes..... 2

6 On a school day, about how many hours do you usually watch TV or video
outside of school hours?
(Circle one only)

- ASTV

- I do not watch TV or video 1
- Up to 1 hour 2
- Between 1 and 2 hours 3
- Between 2 and 3 hours 4
- Between 3 and 4 hours 5
- Between 4 and 5 hours 6
- More than 5 hours..... 7

7 About how many books are there in your home?
(Do not count newspapers or magazines; circle one only)

- ASBOOKS

- None 1
- 1 - 10 2
- 11 - 50..... 3
- 51 - 100 4
- 101 - 200..... 5
- More than 200.... 6

8 Check how many of the following things can be found in your home.
 (Be sure to check the corresponding box if you have none. Check all that are found in your home. Check ✓ one box per line only)
 [NRCs: Fill in the items.]

	None	One or more	
a) Item 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- ASHOM01
b) Item 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- ASHOM02
c) Item 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- ASHOM03
d) Item 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- ASHOM04
e) Item 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- ASHOM05
f) Item 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- ASHOM06
g) Item 7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- ASHOM07
h) Item 8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- ASHOM08
i) Item 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- ASHOM09
j) Item 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- ASHOM10
	(1)	(2)	

9 Please say whether you have the following things or not.
 (Check all that you have; check one box per line only)
 [NRCs: Fill in the items.]

	None	One or more	
a) Item 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- ASSTUD1
b) Item 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- ASSTUD2
c) Item 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- ASSTUD3
d) Item 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- ASSTUD4
e) Item 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- ASSTUD5
f) Item 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- ASSTUD6
g) Item 7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- ASSTUD7
h) Item 8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- ASSTUD8
	(1)	(2)	

10 How often do people at home read to you in [language of test]?
 (Circle one only)

Never.....	1	- ASPRHTL
1 or 2 times a week	2	
3 or 4 times a week	3	
Nearly every day.....	4	

11 Is there any other place outside of school and your home where someone reads to you in [language of test]?
 (Circle one only)

No	1	- ASPRETL
Yes.....	2	

12 How often do people at home read to you in another language?
(Circle one only)

- ASPRHOL

- Never..... 1
- 1 or 2 times a week 2
- 3 or 4 times a week 3
- Nearly every day..... 4

13 Is there any other place outside of school and your home where someone reads to you in another language?
(Circle one only)

- ASPREOL

- No 1
- Yes..... 2

B. Questions about your reading (Questions 14 to 18)

14 How often do you borrow books from a school or public library?
(Circle one only)

- ASBORBO

- Never..... 1
- Hardly ever..... 2
- Once a month..... 3
- Once a week..... 4
- More than once a week 5

15 How good are you at reading?
(Circle one only)

- ASSRATE

- Not very good 1
- Average..... 2
- Good..... 3
- Very good..... 4

- 16 Which do you think are the **three** most important **ways** to become a good reader?
(Choose three only)

MOST IMPORTANT

- | | | | |
|---|---|-----------|---|
| a) Liking it | 2 | - ASWAY01 | — |
| b) Having lots of time to read | 2 | - ASWAY02 | — |
| c) Being able to concentrate well | 2 | - ASWAY03 | — |
| d) Knowing how to sound out words | 2 | - ASWAY04 | — |
| e) Learning the meaning of lots of words | 2 | - ASWAY05 | — |
| f) Having many good books around | 2 | - ASWAY06 | — |
| g) Having a lively imagination | 2 | - ASWAY07 | — |
| h) Having lots of reading for homework | 2 | - ASWAY08 | — |
| i) Having lots of drill (practice) at hard things | 2 | - ASWAY09 | — |
| j) Having lots of written exercises | 2 | - ASWAY10 | — |
| k) Being told how to do it | 2 | - ASWAY11 | — |

- 17 How often do you read in [language of test] to someone at home?
(Circle one only)

- | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|-----------|---|
| Never..... | 1 | - ASREATL | — |
| 1 or 2 times a week | 2 | | |
| 3 or 4 times a week | 3 | | |
| Nearly every day..... | 4 | | |

- 18 How often do your parents or other people at home ask you what you have been reading?
(Circle one only)

- | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|-----------|---|
| Never..... | 1 | - ASASKRE | — |
| 1 or 2 times a week | 2 | | |
| 3 or 4 times a week | 3 | | |
| Nearly every day..... | 4 | | |

**C. Questions about your reading homework and your classroom work
(Questions 19 to 24)**

- 19 How often do you get **reading homework**?
(Circle one only)

- | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|----------|---|
| Never..... | 1 | - ASHWKF | — |
| 1 or 2 times a week | 2 | | |
| 3 or 4 times a week | 3 | | |
| Every day..... | 4 | | |

20 About how much time do you spend on your **reading homework**?
(Circle one only) - ASHWKT

- None 1
- Up to a quarter of an hour..... 2
- Up to half an hour 3
- More than half an hour..... 4

21 How often are you asked questions in class about your **reading homework**?
(Circle one only)

- I do not get reading homework..... 1 - ASQUEST
- Always..... 2
- Most of the time 3
- Sometimes..... 4
- Hardly ever..... 5
- Never 6

22 How often are you helped with your **reading homework**?
(Circle one only)

- I do not get reading homework 1 - ASHWKH
- I rarely get help 2
- I sometimes get help..... 3
- I get help most of the time 4

23 If you don't finish the **reading work** you get to do **by yourself in class**, are you expected to finish it in your own time?
(Circle one only)

- Always 1
- Most of the time 2
- Sometimes 3 - ASHWKO
- Hardly ever 4
- Never 5
- I do not get reading work to do by myself in class..... 6

24 How often are you given **written work** about the reading work that you have been given?
(Circle one only)

- Always 1 - ASWRITE
- Most of the time 2
- Sometimes..... 3
- Hardly ever..... 4
- Never..... 5

D. Reading for Enjoyment (Questions 25 to 37)

25 Did you read a **book** for fun last week? (see accompanying note)
(Circle only one)

No 1
Yes..... 2

- ASBOOKW

(If 'Yes', write in the title or author of the book)

Book title/author: _____

26 How often do you read **books** for fun?
(Circle only one)

Almost never 1
About once a month..... 2
About once a week 3
Almost every day..... 4

- ASBOOKF

27 Did you read a **comic book** last week?
(Circle only one)

No 1
Yes..... 2

- ASCOMIW

(If 'Yes', write in the title or the person in the story)

Comic book title/person: _____

28 How often do you read **comic books**?
(Circle only one)

Almost never 1
About once a month..... 2
About once a week 3
Almost every day..... 4

- ASCOMIF

29 Did you read a **magazine** last week?
(Circle only one)

No 1
Yes..... 2

- ASMAGAW

(If 'Yes', write in the title of the magazine or the topic you read about)

Magazine title/topic: _____

30 How often do you read **magazines**?
(Circle only one)

Almost never 1
About once a month..... 2
About once a week 3
Almost every day..... 4

- ASMAGAF

31 Did you read a **newspaper** last week?
(Circle only one)

No 1
Yes..... 2

- ASNEWSW

(If 'Yes', write in the name of the newspaper)

Newspaper name: _____

32 How often do you read **newspapers**?
(Circle only one)

Almost never 1
About once a month..... 2
About once a week 3
Almost every day..... 4

- ASNEWSF

33 How often do you read written directions or instructions to do something you enjoy?

(You might read them to put a toy together, follow a recipe, to use a tool or to do something else. Circle only one.)

Almost never 1
About once a month..... 2
About once a week 3
Almost every day..... 4

- ASDIRCF

34 Do you read aloud at home?
(Circle only one)

- No 1
- Yes 2

- ASALOUND

35 How often do you read aloud to someone at home?
(Circle only one)

- Never. I do not read aloud to someone at home..... 1
- Less than 1 time per week..... 2
- 1 to 3 times per week..... 3
- Nearly every day..... 4

- ASALOUF

36 To whom do you read aloud at home?
(Circle only one)

- No one. I do not read aloud at home..... 1
- Parents..... 2
- Brother or sister..... 3
- Other person..... 4

- ASALOUW

37 What do you read aloud at home?
(You may circle more than one)

- Nothing. I do not read aloud at home..... 2
- Newspaper..... 2
- Magazine..... 2
- Book..... 2
- Textbook..... 2
- Comic book..... 2
- Letters..... 2
- Words on television screens..... 2

- ASMAT1

- ASMAT2

- ASMAT3

- ASMAT4

- ASMAT5

- ASMAT6

- ASMAT7

- ASMAT8

E. Reading in School (Questions 38 to 43)

38 In school, how often do you read **textbooks** in reading or language class?
(Circle only one)

- Almost never 1
- About once a month..... 2
- About once a week 3
- Almost every day..... 4

- ASTEXTF

39 How often do you read **story books** in addition to your textbooks in reading or language class?
(Circle only one)

- Almost never 1
- About once a month..... 2
- About once a week 3
- Almost every day..... 4

- ASSTORF

40 How often do you use **workbooks** or practice exercises in reading or language class?
(Circle only one)

- Almost never 1
- About once a month..... 2
- About once a week 3
- Almost every day..... 4

- ASWORKF

41 In school, how often do you read textbooks or practice exercises in science, geography or environmental studies?
(Circle only one)

- Almost never 1
- About once a month..... 2
- About once a week 3
- Almost every day..... 4

- ASEXERF

42 How often do you look up information in books like encyclopedias, dictionaries, manuals or maps for schoolwork?
(Circle only one)

- Almost never 1
- About once a month..... 2
- About once a week 3
- Almost every day..... 4

- ASINFOR

43 Do you have a favourite book? If so, fill in the title below.

Thank you very much for your cooperation