

Reading Questionnaire

We want to understand how you feel about reading, including your likes and dislikes.
Please choose the answers that match what you think and do most closely. There are no
right or wrong answers, and this is not a test or quiz.

This form will take about 5 minutes to complete.

What is your full name? _____

Which class are you in? _____

Are you:

a boy ☐

a girl ☐

I'd rather not say ☐

What is the name of your school? _____

Excluding homework or lessons, how often do you read in your own time?

Every day ☐

3-4 times a week ☐

Once a week ☐

A few times a month ☐

Never ☐

Excluding reading for homework or lessons, how long do you read for?

Up to five minutes ☐

About 10 minutes ☐

Between 10 and 20 minutes ☐

Longer than 20 minutes ☐

I can't remember ☐

I don't read unless I'm doing homework or I'm in a lesson ☐

Whether reading or watching films, what are your favourite genres (type of story)?

Choose all the answers that apply to you.

	Books	Film/ video
Adventure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Humour/Funny	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horror	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mystery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Animal/ Wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Science fiction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fantasy / magical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
War and Survival	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comics/ Manga	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diaries/ blogs/ vlogs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stories or videos about real people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relationships/ Friendships/ family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If there's another category or genre you enjoy, please describe it here:

Of all the things you read, which is your favourite?

How do you decide what books to read? *Choose all the answers that apply to you.*

- Friends suggest books ☐
- I'll look at the shelves in the library ☐
- If I liked a book, I'll choose another by the same author ☐
- I'll ask an adult (like your teacher or someone in the library) ☐
- I get recommendations online or via social media like BookTok ☐
- I'll choose books to become an expert in a topic that interests me ☐
- My parents give suggestions ☐
- I'll browse bookshops or online booksellers ☐
- I only read books I'm told to read. ☐

If you find books some other way, please describe it here:

If there are specific apps, places or people who recommend books to you, please tell us more here: -----

Why do you read? Choose all the answers that you agree with. If you don't like reading, that's fine. Just click the last answer in this question.

- I enjoy it ☐
- To find out about things or people ☐
- To help me learn/ make me smarter ☐
- To please my parents ☐
- Because I get house points, merits or a reward for reading books ☐
- It calms me when I'm upset or sad ☐
- Because my friends read ☐
- As a break from schoolwork ☐
- As a break from my phone ☐
- Because I like to talk to my friends about stuff I've read ☐
- There are no reasons. I just don't like reading. ☐

Are there are other reasons why you like reading? If yes, please describe them

here -----

What stops you from reading? Choose all the answers you agree with. If you love reading so much that nothing stops you, just click on the last answer.

- I don't have enough time ☐
- I prefer doing other things ☐
- I think reading is boring ☐
- Reading is just for school work or learning ☐
- I haven't found a book that I enjoy ☐
- You have sit still when you read ☐
- Reading isn't cool ☐
- I get distracted by my phone when I'm trying to read ☐
- Nothing stops me – I read whenever I can ☐

Are there other reasons why you don't read in your own time? If yes, please tell us what

they are: -----

Other than for timetabled lessons, do you choose to visit the school library? Choose all the reasons you agree with.

- Yes, to do homework/ use the computers ☐
- Yes, to choose books ☐
- Yes, to spend time with my friends ☐
- Yes, because I like being there ☐
- No ☐

If there are other reasons why you choose to visit the library in your own time, please describe them here. _____

How do you feel when you are asked to read to one person like a teacher or TA?

1=Not Confident; 2; 3; 4; 5 = Very Confident

How do you feel when you are asked to read out loud to other students?

1=Not Confident; 2; 3; 4; 5 = Very Confident

How do you feel about sharing your views in a small group of students from your class?

1=Not Confident; 2; 3; 4; 5 = Very Confident

Is there anything else you want to say about reading or books? Please tell us what it is here:

The End!

Thank you for answering our questions, and for telling us what you think about reading and books.

A note on the questionnaire:

Below are some screenshots of the original Google form to show how we used this software to help with the questionnaire.

The slightly amended wording in the text above is recommended: you will see we have made a suggested change in the introduction to the survey and in the student identification question.

You could use Google or Microsoft Forms to capture this data, or print the questionnaire above to give to your students.

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We want to understand how you feel about reading, including your likes and dislikes.

Please choose the answers that match what you think and do most closely. There are no right or wrong answers, and this is not a test or quiz. The teachers at your school may share your answers with reading experts and researchers who are working with your school on a new and important national reading research project.

People outside the school don't know who you are.

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About you

Firstly, we want to know a little bit about you.

Please tell us your name or enter the unique number or code your teacher has given you.

Your answer _____

Which Year 8 class are you in?

Your answer _____

Are you:

- ☐ a boy
- ☐ a girl
- ☐ I'd rather not say

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When and what do you read?

In this section, we'd like you to tell us how often you read, and what sorts of things you like to read about. Remember: there are no right or wrong answers. This is about you.

Excluding reading for homework or lessons, how often do you read in your own time?

- ☐ Every day
- ☐ 3-4 times a week
- ☐ Once a week
- ☐ A few times a month
- ☐ Never

Excluding reading for homework or lessons, how long do you read for?

- ☐ Up to five minutes
- ☐ About 10 minutes
- ☐ Between 10 and 20 minutes
- ☐ Longer than 20 minutes
- ☐ I can't remember
- ☐ I don't read unless I'm doing homework or I'm in a lesson

When reading books or watching films, what are your favourite genres (categories)?

Choose all the answers that apply to you.

	Books	Film/ Documentary/ Video
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Humour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Stories or videos about real people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relationships/ Friendships/ Family dramas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If there's another category or genre you enjoy, please describe it here:

Your answer

Of all the things you read, which is your favourite?

Your answer

How do you decide what books to read?

Choose all the answers that apply to you.

- ☐ Friends suggest books
- ☐ I'll look at the shelves in the library
- ☐ If I liked a book, I'll choose another by the same author
- ☐ I'll ask an adult (like your teacher or someone in the library)
- ☐ I get recommendations online or via social media like BookTok
- ☐ I'll choose books to become an expert in a topic that interests me
- ☐ I'll browse books in a bookshop or online bookseller
- ☐ My parents give suggestions
- ☐ I only read books if I'm told I have to read them
- ☐ Other:

If there are specific apps, places or people who recommend books to you, please tell us more here:

Your answer

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How do you feel about reading?

Finally, we want to know what you like and don't like about reading. It's important to say what you really think and feel about reading.

Why do you like to read?

Choose all the answers that you agree with. If you don't like reading, that's fine. Just click the last answer in this question.

- ☐ I enjoy it
- ☐ To find out about things or people
- ☐ To help me learn / make me smarter
- ☐ To please my parents
- ☐ Because I get house points, merits or a reward for reading books

- ☐ It calms me when I'm sad or upset
- ☐ Because my friends read
- ☐ As a break from schoolwork
- ☐ As a break from my phone
- ☐ Because I like to talk to my friends about stuff I've read
- ☐ There are no reasons. I just don't like reading.

Are there are other reasons why you like reading? If yes, please describe them here.

Your answer

What stops you from reading in your own time?

Choose all the answers you agree with. If you love reading so much that nothing stops you, just click on the last answer.

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- ☐ I prefer doing other things
- ☐ I think reading is boring
- ☐ Reading is just for school work or learning
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- ☐ You have to sit still when you read
- ☐ Reading isn't cool

- ☐ I get distracted by my phone when I'm trying to read
- ☐ Nothing stops me - I love reading and read whenever I can

Are there other reasons why you don't read in your own time? If yes, please tell us what they are:

Your answer _____

Other than for timetabled lessons, do you visit the school library?

Choose all the reasons you agree with.

- ☐ Yes, to do homework / use the computers
- ☐ Yes, to choose books
- ☐ Yes, to spend time with my friends
- ☐ Yes, because I like being there
- ☐ No

If there are other reasons why you choose to visit the library in your own time, please describe them here.

Your answer _____

How do you feel when you are asked to read to one person like a teacher or TA?

1 2 3 4 5

Not confident ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ Very confident

How do you feel when you are asked to read to one person like a teacher or TA?

1 2 3 4 5

Not confident ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ Very confident

How do you feel when you are asked to read out loud to other students?

1 2 3 4 5

Not confident ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ Very confident

How do you feel about sharing your views in a small group of students from your class?

1 2 3 4 5

Not confident ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Very confident

Is there anything else you want to say about reading or books?
Please tell us what it is:

Your answer

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The End!

Thank you for answering our questions, and for telling us what you think about reading and books. Don't forget to click on the 'submit' button below so that we can see your answers.

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