# STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PISA 2009

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In this booklet you will find questions about:

- You
- Your family and your home
- Your reading activities
- Learning time
- Classroom and school climate
- Your <test language lessons>
- Libraries
- Your strategies in reading and understanding texts

In some of the questions you will be asked about *reading*. We specifically mean by reading the skill to understand, use and think about *written* texts. This skill is needed to reach one's goals, to develop one's knowledge and potential, and to take part in society.

Please read each question carefully and answer as accurately as you can. In the test you usually circled your answers. For this questionnaire, you will normally answer by ticking a box. For a few questions you will need to write a short answer.

If you make a mistake when ticking a box, cross out or erase your mistake and mark the correct box. If you make an error when writing an answer, simply cross it out and write the correct answer next to it.

In this questionnaire, there are no right or wrong answers. Your answers should be the ones that are right for you.

You may ask for help if you do not understand something or are not sure how to answer a question.

Your answers will be combined with others to make totals and averages in which no individual can be identified. All your answers will be kept confidential.

## **SECTION 1: ABOUT YOU**

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#### **SECTION 2: YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR HOME**

In this section you will be asked some questions about your family and your home.

Some of the following questions are about your mother and father or those persons who are like a mother or father to you — for example, guardians, step-parents, foster parents, etc.

If you share your time with more than one set of parents or guardians, please answer the following questions for those parents/guardians you spend the most time with.

#### Q8 Who usually lives at <home> with you?

(*Please tick one box in each row*)

a) Mother (including stepmother or foster mother)

a) Mother (including stepmother or foster mother)

b) Father (including stepfather or foster father)

c) Brother(s) (including stepbrothers)

d) Sister(s) (including stepsisters)  $\square_1$   $\square_2$ e) Grandparent(s)  $\square_1$   $\square_2$ f) Others (e.g. cousin)

#### Q9a What is your mother's main job?

(e.g. school teacher, kitchen-hand, sales manager)

(If she is not working now, please tell us her last main job)

Please write in the job title. \_\_\_\_\_\_

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Q11 Does your mother have any of the following qualification	11 DO	<i>[</i> 11	<b>(11</b>	es you	r motner	nave an	y or tne	tollowing	qualification	ns
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If you are not sure how to answer this question, please ask the test

administrator for help. (Please tick one box in each row) Yes No a) <ISCED level 6> b) <ISCED level 5A> c) <ISCED level 5B> d) <ISCED level 4> What is your mother currently doing? **Q12** (*Please tick only one box*) Working full-time <for pay> ..... Working part-time <for pay> ...... Not working, but looking for a job ...... Other (e.g. home duties, retired) ...... What is your father's main job? Q13a (e.g. school teacher, kitchen-hand, sales manager) (If he is not working now, please tell us his last main job) Please write in the job title.

Q13b	` •	students, helps the cook prepare meals in			
	a restaurant, manages a	sales team)			
	Please use a sentence to de job.	escribe the kind of work he does or did in that			
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Q16	What is your father currently doin	ıg?					
	(Please tick only one box)						
	Working full-time <for pay=""></for>						
	Working part-time <for pay=""></for>						
	Not working, but looking for a job	$\square_3$					
	Other (e.g. home duties, retired)	$\square_4$					

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Other language

### Q20 Which of the following are in your home?

		Yes	No
a) A de	sk to study at		${\color{red}\square}_2$
b) A roo	om of your own		
c) A qu	iet place to study		$\square_{_2}$
d) A co	mputer you can use for school work		$\square_{_2}$
e) Educ	cational software		
f) A lin	k to the Internet		
g) Class	sic literature (e.g. <shakespeare>)</shakespeare>		$\square_{_2}$
h) Book	xs of poetry		$\square_{_2}$
i) Worl	ks of art (e.g. paintings)		$\square_{_2}$
j) Book	ks to help with your school work		$\square_{_2}$
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## Q21 How many of these are there at your home?

			None	One	Two	Three or more
	a) Cellular phones					
	b) Televisions					
	c) Computers					
	d) Cars					
	e) Rooms with a bath or shower					$\Box_4$
Q22	How many books are the	ere in you	r home	?		
	There are usually about 40 magazines, newspapers, or y			<sup>c</sup> shelving	g. Do not	include
	(Please tick only one box.)					
	0-10 books					
	11-25 books	$\square_{_{2}}$				
	26-100 books	$\square_3$				
	101-200 books	$\square_4$				
	201-500 books					
	More than 500 books					

## **SECTION 3: YOUR READING ACTIVITIES**

The questions in this section are mainly about your reading activities outside school.

# Q23 About how much time do you usually spend reading for enjoyment?

(Please tick only one box)	
I do not read for enjoyment	
30 minutes or less a day	
More than 30 minutes to less than 60 minutes a day	$\square_3$
1 to 2 hours a day	
More than 2 hours a day	

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# Q24 How much do you agree or disagree with these statements about reading?

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongl <sub>:</sub> agree
a)	I read only if I have to			$\square_{_3}$	$\square_{_4}$
b)	Reading is one of my favourite hobbies			$\square_3$	
c)	I like talking about books with other people				
d)	I find it hard to finish books			$\square_{_3}$	
e)	I feel happy if I receive a book as a present			$\square_{_3}$	
f)	For me, reading is a waste of time			$\square_{_{3}}$	
g)	I enjoy going to a bookstore or a library			$\square_{_{3}}$	
h)	I read only to get information that I need				
i)	I cannot sit still and read for more than a few minutes			$\square_{_3}$	4
j)	I like to express my opinions about books I have read			$\square_3$	
k)	I like to exchange books with my friends				

### Q25 How often do you read these materials because you want to?

	Never or almost never	A few times a year	About once a month	Several times a month	Several times a week
a) Magazines				4	
b) Comic books		$\square_{_{2}}$			
c) Fiction (novels, narratives, stories)			$\square_{_3}$	4	
d) Non-fiction books			$\square_3$	4	
e) Newspapers					

#### Q26 How often are you involved in the following reading activities?

(Please tick only one box in each row. If you don't know what the activity is tick "I don't know what it is.")

	I don't know what it is	Never or almost never	Several times a month	Several times a week	Several times a day
a) Reading emails		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$	5
b) <chat line="" on=""> (e.g. <msn®>)</msn®></chat>			$\square_{_{3}}$		5
c) Reading online news		$\square_{_{2}}$	$\square_{_{3}}$	$\square_4$	
d) Using an online dictionary or encyclopaedia (e.g. <wikipedia®>)</wikipedia®>					
e) Searching online information to learn about a particular topic			$\square_{_3}$	$\square_4$	
f) Taking part in online group discussions or forums			$\square_{_3}$	$\square_4$	
g) Searching for practical information online (e.g. schedules events tips recipes)				4	

## Q27 When you are studying, how often do you do the following?

		Almost never	Sometimes	Often	Almosi always
a)	When I study, I try to memorize everything that is covered in the text.			$\square_{_{3}}$	4
b)	When I study, I start by figuring out what exactly I need to learn.			$\square_3$	4
c)	When I study, I try to memorize as many details as possible.			$\square_3$	4
d)	When I study, I try to relate new information to prior knowledge acquired in other subjects.			$\square_3$	
e)	When I study, I read the text so many times that I can recite it.			$\square_{_{3}}$	
f)	When I study, I check if I understand what I have read.		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	4
g)	When I study, I read the text over and over again.		$\square_2$	$\square_{_{3}}$	
h)	When I study, I figure out how the information might be useful outside school.				
i)	When I study, I try to figure out which concepts I still haven't really understood.		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
j)	When I study, I try to understand the material better by relating it to my own experiences.			$\square_{_3}$	
k)	When I study, I make sure that I remember the most important points in the text.			$\square_{_{3}}$	4
1)	When I study, I figure out how the text information fits in with what happens in real life.			$\square_3$	
m)	When I study and I don't understand something, I look for additional information to clarify this.				4

## **SECTION 4: LEARNING TIME**

# Q28 How many minutes, on average, are there in a <class period> for the following subjects?

Minutes	s in a <class period=""> in &lt; test language&gt;:</class>		Minutes
Minutes	s in a <class period=""> in <mathematics>:</mathematics></class>		Minutes
Minutes	s in a <class period=""> in <science>:</science></class>		Minutes
Q29	How many <class periods=""> per wee the following subjects?</class>	k do you typ	ically have for
Numbe	r of <class periods=""> per week in <test language="">:</test></class>		<class periods=""></class>
Numbe	r of <class periods=""> per week in <mathematics>:</mathematics></class>		<class periods=""></class>
Numbe	r of <class periods=""> per week in <science>:</science></class>		<class periods=""></class>
Q30	In a normal, full week at school, how you have <in total="">?</in>	w many <clas< th=""><th>ss periods&gt; do</th></clas<>	ss periods> do
Numbe	r of ALL <class periods=""></class>		<class periods=""></class>

# Q31 What type of <out-of-school-time lessons> do you attend currently?

These are only lessons in subjects that you are also learning at school, that you spend learning extra time outside of normal school hours. The lessons may be given at your school, at your home or somewhere else.

	Yes	No
a) <enrichment lessons=""> in <test language=""></test></enrichment>		
b) <enrichment lessons=""> in <mathematics></mathematics></enrichment>		
c) <enrichment lessons=""> in <science></science></enrichment>		
d) <enrichment lessons=""> in other school subjects</enrichment>		
e) <remedial lessons=""> in <test language=""></test></remedial>		
f) <remedial lessons=""> in <mathematics></mathematics></remedial>		
g) <remedial lessons=""> in <science></science></remedial>		
h) <remedial lessons=""> in other school subjects</remedial>		
i) Lessons to improve your <study skills=""></study>		

#### Q32 How many hours do you typically spend per week attending <outof-school-time lessons> in the following subjects (at school, at home or somewhere else)?

These are only lessons in subjects that you are also learning at school, that you spend learning extra time outside of normal school hours. The lessons may be given at your school, at your home or somewhere else.

(Please tick one box in each column)

	<test language&gt;</test 	<mathematics></mathematics>	<science></science>	Other subjects
I do not attend <out-of- school-time lessons&gt; in these subjects</out-of- 				
Less than 2 hours a week				
2 or more but less than 4 hours a week				
4 or more but less than 6 hours a week				
6 or more hours a week				

### **SECTION 5: YOUR SCHOOL**

# Q33 Thinking about what you have learned in school: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) School has done little to prepare m for adult life when I leave school	e $\square_1$			
b) School has been a waste of time		$\square_{_{2}}$	$\square_{_3}$	4
c) School has helped give me confidence to make decisions			$\square_3$	
d) School has taught me things which could be useful in a job	ı 			

# Q34 How much do you disagree or agree with each of the following statements about teachers at your school?

	Strongly disagree	disagree	agree	Strongly agree
a) I get along well with most of my teachers				
b) Most of my teachers are interested in my well-being				
c) Most of my teachers really listen to what I have to say				4
d) If I need extra help, I will receive it from my teachers			$\square_3$	
e) Most of my teachers treat me fairly	<u> </u>			

## **SECTION 6: YOUR <TEST LANGUAGE LESSONS>**

Q35	On average, about how many students attend your <test language=""> class?</test>							
		students						
Q36 How often do these things happen in your <test languages<="" th=""><th>guage</th></test>						guage		
		(Please tick only one box in each row)						
			Never or hardly ever	In some lessons	In most lessons	In all lessons		
	a)	Students don't listen to what the teacher says						
	b)	There is noise and disorder				$\square_4$		
	c)	The teacher has to wait a long time for the students to <quieten down=""></quieten>				4		
	d)	Students cannot work well				$\square_4$		
	e)	Students don't start working for a long time after the lesson begins				4		

# Q37 In your <test language lessons>, how often does the following occur?

	Never or hardly ever	In some lessons	In most lessons	In all lessons
a) The teacher asks students to explain the meaning of a text		$\square_{_{2}}$	$\square_3$	4
b) The teacher asks questions that challenge students to get a better understanding of a te	ext		$\square_3$	4
c) The teacher gives students enough time to think about their answers			$\square_3$	4
d) The teacher recommends a book or author to read	0		$\square_3$	4
e) The teacher encourages students to express their opinion about a text			$\square_3$	4
f) The teacher helps students relate the stories they read to their lives			$\square_3$	4
g) The teacher shows students how the information in texts builds on what they already know.				4

# Q38 In your <test language lessons>, how often does the following occur?

		Never or hardly ever	In some lessons	In most lessons	In all lessons
a)	The teacher explains beforehand what is expected of the students			$\square_3$	4
b)	The teacher checks that students are concentrating while working on the <reading assignment=""></reading>				
c)	The teacher discusses students' work, after they have finished the <reading assignment=""></reading>			$\square_{_3}$	$\square_4$
d)	The teacher tells students in advance how their work is going to be judged			$\square_{_3}$	4
e)	The teacher asks whether every student has understood how to complete the <reading assignment=""></reading>				
f)	The teacher marks students' work			$\square_3$	4
g)	The teacher gives students the chance to ask questions about the <reading assignment=""></reading>			$\square_3$	4
h)	The teacher poses questions that motivate students to participate actively			$\square_{_3}$	4
i)	The teacher tells students how well they did on the <reading assignment=""> immediately after</reading>			$\square_3$	4

### **SECTION 7: LIBRARIES**

In this section you are asked questions about libraries. These may be in your school and/or outside your school.

#### Q39 How often do you visit a library for the following activities?

			Never	A few times a year	About once a month	Several times a month	Several times a week		
	a) Borrow bool pleasure	as to read for				4			
	o) Borrow bool	ks for school work			$\square_3$	$\square_4$			
		nework, course or research papers				4			
	d) Read magaz	nes or newspapers			$\square_3$	$\square_4$			
	e) Read books	for fun			$\square_3$	$\square_4$			
		things that are not d, such as sports, ple or music							
	g) Use the Inter	rnet				4			
Q40	Q40 Does your school have a <school library="">?</school>								
	No								
	Yes								

# SECTION 8: YOUR STRATEGIES IN READING AND UNDERSTANDING TEXTS

There are several approaches to studying and understanding texts. Some of them are more useful than others, depending on the kind of reading task. The next <two questions present> a number of reading tasks, followed by a list of these approaches or "strategies". We want to know your opinion about the usefulness of these strategies for the different reading tasks.

< Each of the two questions starts> with a short description of a particular reading task. Then several possible reading strategies are listed. Think about the usefulness of each of the strategies in relation to the given reading task only. Some strategies may be useful for one reading task but not for another.

Give a score between 1 and 6 to every strategy. A score of 1 means you think it is not a useful strategy at all for this reading task. A score of 6 means you think it is a very useful strategy for this reading task.

You can use the same score more than once if you think two or more strategies are similarly useful, but please tick only one box in each row.

Here is an example question that a student has completed. (This example is about playing table tennis, not reading.)

#### Example Question

Task: You want to improve at playing table tennis so you can win a local competition.

How do you rate the usefulness of the following strategies for improving at playing table tennis?

	Possible strategy	Score					
		(1) not useful at all	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) very useful
a)	I read a book about table tennis technique		X				
b)	I practise playing table tennis against a friend as often as possible						×
c)	I do general fitness exercises every morning				×		
d)	I watch expert players and try to figure out their techniques				×		

# Q41 Reading task: You have to understand and remember the information in a text.

How do you rate the usefulness of the following strategies for understanding and memorising the text?

	Possible strategy	Score						
		Not use all	ful at	Very usefu				
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
a)	I concentrate on the parts of the text that are easy to understand			$\square_3$	4			
b)	I quickly read through the text twice			$\square_3$	4			
c)	After reading the text, I discuss its content with other people			$\square_3$	4			
d)	I underline important parts of the text.				4			
e)	I summarise the text in my own words			$\square_3$	4	$\square_5$		
f)	I read the text aloud to another person							

# Q42 Reading task: You have just read a long and rather difficult two-page text about fluctuations in the water level of a lake in Africa. You have to write a summary.

How do you rate the usefulness of the following strategies for writing a summary of this two-page text?

	Possible strategy	Score							
		Not useful at all				Ve	Very useful		
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		
a)	I write a summary. Then I check that each paragraph is covered in the summary, because the content of each paragraph should be included			$\square_3$					
b)	I try to copy out accurately as many sentences as possible			$\square_3$	4				
c)	Before writing the summary, I read the text as many times as possible			$\square_3$	4				
d)	I carefully check whether the most important facts in the text are represented in the summary				4	<sub>5</sub>			
e)	I read through the text, underlining the most important sentences. Then I write them in my own words as a summary								

Thank you very much for your co-operation in completing this questionnaire!