Pan-Canadian Assessment Program

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Student Questionnaire

DIRECTIONS

In this part of the assessment, you will find questions about yourself, your experiences at school, and your reading skills and habits, both in school and outside of school. Some questions ask for facts, while others ask for opinions. There are also some questions about assessment in general. Your answers, along with your test results and those of other students, will provide a picture of how students in Canada are doing in school, in general, and in their English Language Arts courses in particular.

Please read each question carefully and answer as accurately as possible. There are no right or wrong answers to these questions. Your answers are confidential, and no one will be able to identify you from these answers.

Most of the questions will be followed by a few choices. To indicate your answer, use a pencil to fill in the circle completely, like this: \bullet and not like this: \checkmark \bullet \diamond

Example

	Strongly disagree Disagree Agree		Strongly agree	
I like to listen to music.	\bigcirc_1	•2	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4

Thank you for your time, effort, and thought in completing this questionnaire.

	Section 1				
1.	How o	do you ia	dentify yourself?		
	\bigcirc_1	Male			
	\bigcirc_2	Female	e		
	\bigcirc_3	l identi	ify myself in another way.		
	\bigcirc_4	l prefe	er not to say.		
2.	When	were ye	ou born? Month Year		
3.	Were	you bor	rn in Canada?		
	O_1	Yes			
	\bigcirc_2	No			
		If NO,	how old were you upon arrival in Canada?		
		\bigcirc_3	Younger than 3 years old		
		\bigcirc_4	3 to 5 years old		
		\bigcirc_5	6 to 7 years old		
		\bigcirc_6	8 years old or older		

In which country were you born? ______

4. Were your parents born in Canada?

(You may answer this question by thinking either about your own parents or persons who are most like parents to you – for example, step-parents, foster parents, grandparents, or guardians).

Parent A

- \bigcirc_1 Yes
- \bigcirc_2 No

If NO, in which country was Parent A born? ______

Parent B

- \bigcirc_3 Yes
- \bigcirc_4 No

If NO, in which country was Parent B born? _____

5. What language do you consider to be your first language (the language you first learned and still understand)?

- \bigcirc_1 English
- \bigcirc_2 French
- O₃ Aboriginal (e.g., Cree, Inuktitut)
- O₄ Other (e.g., German, Mandarin)

6. In what language are most of your school subjects taught?

- \bigcirc_1 English
- \bigcirc_2 French
- O₃ Aboriginal (e.g., Cree, Inuktitut)
- O₄ Other (e.g., German, Mandarin)

7. Which language or languages do you use outside the school (e.g., with family, friends, or in the community)?

- \bigcirc_1 English only or mostly English
- \bigcirc_2 French only or mostly French
- \bigcirc_3 English and French equally
- \bigcirc_4 English and a language other than French
- \bigcirc_5 French and a language other than English
- O₆ Mostly Aboriginal (e.g., Cree, Inuktitut)
- O₇ Mostly other (e.g., German, Mandarin)

8. Do you identify yourself as Aboriginal? If YES, with which Aboriginal peoples do you identify yourself?

- O₁ No
- \bigcirc_2 Yes, First Nations
- \bigcirc_3 Yes, Inuk (Inuit)
- O₄ Yes, Métis

- 9. About how many books are there in your home? (Do not count magazines, newspapers, or your school books.)
 - \bigcirc_1 0 to 10 books
 - \bigcirc_2 11 to 25 books
 - \bigcirc_3 26 to 100 books
 - O₄ 101 to 200 books
 - \bigcirc_5 More than 200 books

10. What is the highest level of education completed by your parents?

(Please answer the question for one parent only – the parent with the highest level of education. You may answer this question by thinking either about your own parents or persons who are most like parents to you – for example, step-parents, foster parents, grandparents, or guardians).

- \bigcirc_1 Did not complete high school
- \bigcirc_2 Completed high school
- \bigcirc_3 Had some education after high school
- O₄ Completed education at a college or cégep
- \bigcirc_5 Had some university education but did not complete a degree
- \bigcirc_6 Completed one or more university degrees
- \bigcirc_7 I don't know

11. Are you currently or have you ever been enrolled in an immersion program to learn a second language?

	Yes	No
(a) French-immersion program	\bigcirc_1	O ₂
(b) English-immersion program	\bigcirc_1	O ₂
(c) Immersion program in another language	O_1	O ₂

12. Have you been in a second-language program?

	Yes, I am now	Yes, I have been in the past	No, never
(a) English (e.g., ELL, EAL)	01	\bigcirc_2	Ο ₃
(b) French (e.g., extended French)	01	O ₂	Ο ₃

Section 2

13. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about school?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
(a) I like school.	O_1	O 2	○3	\bigcirc_4
(b) My teachers treat me fairly.	O_1	O 2	○3	O ₄
(c) My teachers care about me.	O_1	O ₂	○3	O ₄
(d) At school, I feel that I belong.	01	O ₂	○3	O ₄
(e) At school, I make friends easily.	01	\bigcirc_2	Ο ₃	O ₄

14. During this year, how often have any of the following things happened to you at school?

	Never	A few times a year	One to four times a month	More than once per week
(a) I was made fun of by other students.	O_1	\bigcirc_2	\bigcirc_3	O ₄
(b) I was called names by other students.	O_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	O ₄
 (c) I was left out of games or activities on purpose by other students. 	01	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
(d) Lies or negative comments were spread about me or posted on the Internet by other students.	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	○₃	○₄
(e) Things that belonged to me were taken away or destroyed by other students.	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	○₃	○₄
(f) I was hit or pushed around by other students.	O_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	O ₄
(g) I was threatened or made to do things that I didn't want to do by other students.	01	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄

15. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about reading?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
(a) I enjoy reading.	O_1	\bigcirc_2	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4
(b) I read only if I have to.	O_1	O ₂	○3	O ₄
(c) I like it when I receive a book for a present.	O_1	\bigcirc_2	○3	O ₄
(d) For me, reading is a waste of time.	O_1	O ₂	○3	O ₄
(e) I cannot read for more than a few minutes because I cannot sit still for a long time.	\bigcirc_1	02	\bigcirc_3	O 4
(f) I enjoy going to a bookstore or library.	O_1	O ₂	○3	O ₄
(g) I believe I am a good reader.	O_1	O ₂	○3	O ₄
(h) I am confident about reading difficult material.	01	\bigcirc_2	○3	O ₄
(i) I feel nervous when I have to read aloud in school.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
(j) I think being a good reader makes a difference outside of school.	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
(k) Most of the reading I do in school is boring.	O_1	O ₂	○3	O ₄
(I) Most of the reading I do in school is easy.	O_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	O ₄
(m) I would rather read for information than read stories.	\bigcirc_1	02	○3	O ₄
(n) I would rather read for enjoyment than read for information	01	02	○₃	O ₄

16. If I do especially well in English Language Arts in school, it is because of...

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
(a) natural ability.	O_1	O ₂	○3	\bigcirc_4
(b) good luck.	O_1	O ₂	Ο ₃	O ₄
(c) working especially hard.	O_1	O ₂	○3	O ₄
(d) the course being taught well.	O_1	O ₂	Ο3	O ₄
(e) encouragement from my parents/guardians.	O_1	O ₂	Ο3	O ₄
(f) encouragement from my friends.	O_1	O ₂	Ο3	O ₄
(g) help with homework outside of school.	01	O ₂	○3	O ₄

17. If I do especially poorly in English Language Arts in school, it is because of...

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
(a) not enough natural ability.	O_1	\bigcirc_2	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4
(b) bad luck.	01	O ₂	Ο ₃	O ₄
(c) not working hard enough.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
(d) the course being taught poorly.	01	\bigcirc_2	○3	O ₄
(e) no encouragement from my parents/guardians.	01	O ₂	Ο ₃	O ₄
(f) no encouragement from my friends.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
(g) no help with homework outside of school.	O_1	O ₂	Ο3	O ₄

18. How often do you do the following things in your English Language Arts classes?

		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
(a)	Read a textbook.	O_1	\bigcirc_2	O ₃	Ο ₄
(b)	Read magazines or newspapers.	O_1	\bigcirc_2	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4
(c)	Read novels or short stories (fiction).	\bigcirc_1	\bigcirc_2	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4
(d)	Read information or non-fiction material.	O_1	O 2	○3	O ₄
(e)	Read material found on the Internet.	O_1	\bigcirc_2	O ₃	O ₄
(f)	Use on-line encyclopedias or other electronic subscriptions.	01	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
(g)	Watch videos.	O_1	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
(h)	Read books or other material from the school library.	01	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
(i)	Read books or other material from the public library.	O_1	\bigcirc_2	Ο ₃	O 4

19. What types of material do you like to read?

During class:	Outside of class:

20. Do you prefer to read on paper or digitally ...

	Print	Digital media
(a) when reading for school?	O_1	\bigcirc_2
(b) when reading for yourself?	\bigcirc_1	\bigcirc_2

21. In your English Language Arts classes, how often do you have the following kinds of assignments?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
(a) Questions from textbooks, workbooks, or worksheets	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	O ₄
(b) Group work in the classroom	O_1	\bigcirc_2	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4
(c) Individual projects requiring work outside of class	01	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4
(d) Group projects requiring work outside of class	01	O ₂	O ₃	\bigcirc_4

22. To what extent does each of these apply to reading in your English Language Arts classes?

	Not at all	A little	More than a little	A lot
 (a) The reading we do in school is more relevant for girls than boys. 	\bigcirc_1	\bigcirc_2	\bigcirc_3	○₄
(b) The reading we do in school is more relevant for boys than girls.	O_1	\bigcirc_2	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4
(c) The reading we do in school is interesting to me.	\bigcirc_1	O 2	\bigcirc_3	O ₄
(d) The reading we do in other classes is harder than in English Language Arts.	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	○₄
 (e) I participate in class discussions in English Language Arts. 	O_1	\bigcirc_2	\bigcirc_3	○₄
(f) I struggle with homework that involves reading.	O_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	O ₄

23. How often did your parents or guardians do these things when you were younger?

		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
(a)	They read to me.	Ο1	\bigcirc_2	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4
(b)	They encouraged me to read.	O_1	\bigcirc_2	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4
(c)	They showed an interest in what I was reading at school.	01	O ₂	○3	04
(d)	They did what they could to help me with my reading homework.	01	O ₂	○3	04
(e)	They asked me about what I was reading.	O_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	O ₄
(f)	They praised me when I did well in reading.	O_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	O ₄

24. How often do your parents read for themselves at home (e.g., books, magazines, newspapers, and materials for work — in print or digital media)?

(You may answer this question by thinking either about your own parents or persons who are most like parents to you – for example, step-parents, foster parents, grandparents, or guardians).

- \bigcirc_1 Never
- \bigcirc_2 Rarely
- \bigcirc_3 Sometimes
- \bigcirc_4 Often

25. When did you first learn to read?

- \bigcirc_1 Before Kindergarten
- \bigcirc_2 Kindergarten
- \bigcirc_3 Grade 1
- \bigcirc_4 Grade 2
- \bigcirc_5 Later than Grade 2
- \bigcirc_6 I don't remember.

26. What do you remember about how you first learned to read?

	Yes	No	l don't remember
(a) I was taught to sound out words.	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3
(b) I was taught to recognize words by sight.	O_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3
(c) I read aloud a lot.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃
(d) I was taught to use picture clues, sentences, and other hints to figure things out.	01	O ₂	\bigcirc_3
(e) I was read to a lot.	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3
(f) I filled out worksheets.	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3
(g) I read picture books.	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3
(h) I read little books or chapter books.	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3

27. To what extent did each of the following people help you when you first learned to read?

	Not at all	A little	More than a little	A lot
(a) My parents/guardians	O_1	O ₂	O 3	\bigcirc_4
(b) Other members of my family	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	O 3	\bigcirc_4
(c) My teachers	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	Ο ₃	O 4
(d) My friends	\bigcirc_1	O 2	○3	O ₄
(e) Other people	O_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	O 4

28. How often do you use the following strategies to help you understand what you are reading?

		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
(a)	Reading aloud to myself	O ₁	O ₂	○3	O ₄
(b)	Sounding out as many words as I can	\bigcirc_1	O2	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4
(c)	Using prefixes, suffixes, and/or roots to understand new words	01	O ₂	Ο3	04
(d)	Looking for clues such as headings or captions	\bigcirc_1	\bigcirc_2	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4
(e)	Trying to make connections to what I already know	01	02	Ο ₃	04
(f)	Thinking about the author's message	O_1	O2	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4
(g)	Looking at charts and pictures	O ₁	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	O ₄
(h)	Asking someone to help me	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4
(i)	Applying what I know about word origins or word parts	01	02	Ο ₃	04
(j)	Using an outside source like a dictionary	\bigcirc_1	O2	○3	O ₄
(k)	Thinking about the other words in a sentence to figure out the meaning	01	02	Ο ₃	04
(I)	Finding a quiet place to read	O_1	O2	O ₃	04
(m)	Rereading the more difficult parts	O ₁	O ₂	○3	O ₄
(n)	Highlighting or making notes or drawings on the important parts	01	02	Ο ₃	04
(o)	Sometimes reading more quickly or more slowly, depending on the material	01	02	Ο ₃	04
(p)	Trying to predict what the material is about	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
(q)	Monitoring what I am thinking about while reading	01	02	O ₃	04
(r)	Asking questions before, during, and after reading	\bigcirc_1	\bigcirc_2	\bigcirc_3	04

29. In your English Language Arts classes, how often are you given marks or grades using the following methods?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
(a) True/false or matching questions	\bigcirc_1	02	Ο ₃	\bigcirc_4
(b) Multiple-choice question	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
(c) Fill-in-the-blank questions	O_1	O2	O ₃	O ₄
(d) Short-answer questions (a sentence or two)	O_1	O2	○3	O ₄
(e) Long-answer questions (a paragraph or more)	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
(f) Essays (one page or more)	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
(g) Presentations, speeches, and other performances	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4

30. In your English Language Arts class, how often does your teacher give you...

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
(a) details about how your tests or assignments will be marked (e.g., scoring rubric)?	01	02	○3	04
(b) regular feedback to help you improve your learning?	01	02	\bigcirc_3	O ₄

31. In your English Language Arts classes, are you required to prepare a portfolio of your work over the year?

 \bigcirc_1 Yes

 \bigcirc_2 No

Section 3

32. How many hours in an average week (including the weekend) do you usually spend doing each of these activities outside of school hours?

	No time	Less than 1 hour	1 to 2 hours	3 to 4 hours	5 to 6 hours	More than 6 hours
(a) Outside-of-class reading for all your courses	01	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	O ₄	○₅	\bigcirc_6
(b) Reading for enjoyment and/or general interest	\bigcirc_1	02	\bigcirc_3	O ₄	\bigcirc_5	\bigcirc_6
(c) Doing sports or other school and community activities	\bigcirc_1	02	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4	\bigcirc_5	\bigcirc_6
(d) Getting extra help at school, outside of regular school hours	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	O ₄	○₅	\bigcirc_6
(e) Taking other lessons (e.g., music, swimming)	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	O ₄	\bigcirc_5	\bigcirc_6
(f) Watching television or movies	\bigcirc_1	02	\bigcirc_3	O ₄	\bigcirc_5	\bigcirc_6
(g) Using the telephone or texting	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	O ₄	\bigcirc_5	\bigcirc_6
(h) Playing computer, video, or other electronic games	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	O ₄	\bigcirc_5	\bigcirc_6
 (i) Using a computer for school purposes (e.g., research, writing) 	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	○3	O ₄	Ο ₅	06
(j) Using a computer for personal reasons (e.g., Internet, e-mail)	O_1	O ₂	Ο ₃	O ₄	Ο ₅	O ₆

33. On average, how much time do you spend in total every week on homework?

	No homework is assigned	Less than half an hour	One-half to one hour	Between 1 and 2 hours	Between 2 and 3 hours	More than 3 hours
(a) In all of your school subjects?	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4	\bigcirc_5	\bigcirc_6
(b) In English Language Arts?	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄	05	\bigcirc_6

34. How often do you complete your homework?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
(a) In all of your school subjects?	\bigcirc_1	O ₂	Ο ₃	04
(b) In English Language Arts?	01	O ₂	○3	O ₄

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35. Thinking about the homework you do for school, to what extent do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
(a) I finish my homework in time for class.	01	O ₂	O ₃	\bigcirc_4
(b) I work hard on my homework.	01	O ₂	○3	O ₄
(c) I am prepared for my exams.	O_1	O ₂	○3	O ₄
(d) I study hard for quizzes.	O_1	O ₂	○3	O ₄
(e) I keep studying until I understand the material.	O_1	O ₂	Ο ₃	O ₄
(f) I pay attention in class.	O_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4
(g) I listen in class.	O_1	O ₂	Ο ₃	O ₄
(h) I avoid distractions when I am studying.	01	O ₂	○3	\bigcirc_4
(i) I keep my work well-organized.	O_1	O ₂	○3	O ₄

36. In this school year, how many days have you been absent from school?

	0 to 2 days	3 to 5 days	6 to 9 days	10 to 14 days	15 to 20 days	More than 20 days
 (a) For reasons that are not school-related (e.g., illness, appointments, travel, etc.) 	\bigcirc_1	○2	○₃	○₄	\bigcirc_5	\bigcirc_6
(b) For school-related activities (e.g., field trips, sports activities, music or cultural events, etc.)	\bigcirc_1	○₂	○₃	○₄	\bigcirc_5	○6

37. In the last two full weeks, how often did the following things occur?

	Never	One or two times	Three or four times	Five or more times
(a) I skipped a whole school day.	O_1	\bigcirc_2	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4
(b) I skipped some classes.	O_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	O 4
(c) I arrived late for school.	O_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	O 4

38. How often is instructional time lost because of the following in your English Language Arts class?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
(a) Student misbehaviour	O_1	O ₂	\bigcirc_3	O ₄
(b) Other disruptions (e.g., announcements, assemblies, visits)	01	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
(c) Discussions unrelated to the English Language Arts lesson	01	O ₂	Ο ₃	O ₄

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.