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# TIMSS 2011

## Student Questionnaire

**Grade 4**



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# Directions

In this booklet, you will find questions about you and what you think. For each question, you should choose the answer you think is best.

Let us take a few minutes to practice the kinds of questions you will answer in this booklet.

Example 1 is one kind of question you will find in this booklet.

## Example 1

Do you go to school?

Fill in **one** oval only.

Yes -- ①

No -- ②

Example 2 is another kind of question you will find in this booklet.

## Example 2

How often do you do these things?

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

- |                                 | Every day<br>or almost<br>every day | Once or<br>twice a<br>week | Once or<br>twice a<br>month | Never or<br>almost<br>never |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a) I talk with my friends ----- | ① _____                             | ② _____                    | ③ _____                     | ④ _____                     |
| b) I play sports -----          | ① _____                             | ② _____                    | ③ _____                     | ④ _____                     |
| c) I ride a skateboard -----    | ① _____                             | ② _____                    | ③ _____                     | ④ _____                     |

Example 3 is another kind of question you will find in this booklet.

## Example 3

What do you think? Tell how much you agree with these statements.

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) Watching movies is fun -----	①	②	③	④
b) I like eating ice cream -----	①	②	③	④
c) I do not like waking up early -----	①	②	③	④
d) I enjoy doing chores -----	①	②	③	④

- Read each question carefully, and pick the answer you think is best.
- Fill in the oval next to or under your answer.
- If you decide to change your answer, completely erase your first choice. Then, fill in the oval next to or under your new answer.
- Ask for help if you do not understand something or are not sure how to answer.

# About you

1 \_\_\_\_\_

A. Are you a girl or a boy?

*Fill in **one** oval only.*

Girl--- ①

Boy--- ②

B. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

*Fill in **one** oval only.*

Yes, I am Hispanic or Latino--- ①

No, I am not Hispanic or Latino--- ②

C. Which of the following best describes you?

*Fill in **one or more** ovals.*

White--- ①

Black or African American--- ①

Asian--- ①

American Indian or Alaska Native--- ①

Native Hawaiian or other  
Pacific Islander--- ①



2

**When were you born?**

Fill in the **ovals** next to the month and year you were born.

**a) Month**

**b) Year**

January --- (A)

1998 --- (1)

February --- (B)

1999 --- (2)

March --- (C)

2000 --- (3)

April --- (D)

2001 --- (4)

May --- (E)

2002 --- (5)

June --- (F)

2003 --- (6)

July --- (G)

2004 --- (7)

August --- (H)

Other --- (8)

September --- (I)

October --- (J)

November --- (K)

December --- (L)

# 3

## A. How often do you speak English at home?


Fill in **one** oval only.

Always----- ① If **Always**, please go to question 4 

Almost always ----- ②

Sometimes----- ③

Never ----- ④

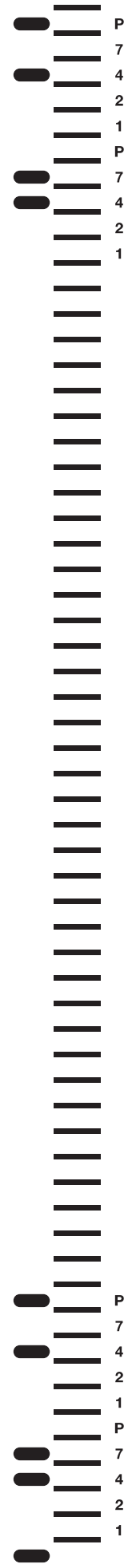
If **Almost always, Sometimes, Never**, please go to question 3B 

## B. What language do you speak at home (other than English)?

Fill in **one** oval only.

Spanish ----- ①

Other ----- ② Please specify \_\_\_\_\_



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- A. Was your mother (or stepmother or female legal guardian) born in the United States? (“United States” includes the 50 states, its territories, the District of Columbia, and U.S. military bases abroad.)

*Fill in one oval only.*

Yes --- ①

No --- ②

- B. Was your father (or stepfather or male legal guardian) born in the United States?

*Fill in one oval only.*

Yes --- ①

No --- ②

- C. Were you born in the United States?

*Fill in one oval only.*

Yes --- ①

No --- ②

# 5

**About how many books are there in your home? (Do not count magazines, newspapers, or your school books.)**

*Fill in **one** oval only.*

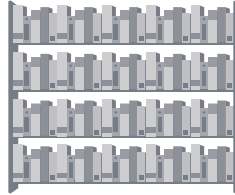
None or very few (0–10 books)---- ① This shows 10 books



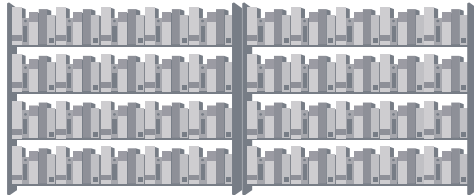
Enough to fill one shelf (11–25 books)---- ② This shows 25 books



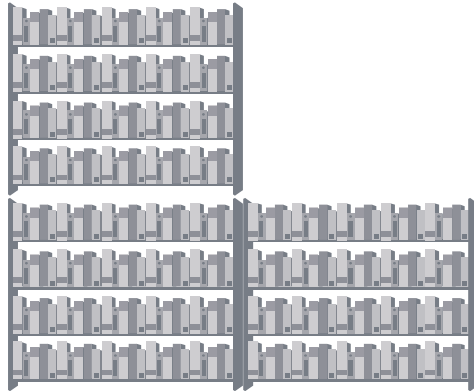
Enough to fill one bookcase  
(26–100 books)---- ③ This shows 100 books



Enough to fill two bookcases  
(101–200 books)---- ④ This shows 200 books



Enough to fill three or more bookcases  
(more than 200)---- ⑤ This shows more than 200 books





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Do you have any of these things at your home?

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

- |   | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
|   | ↓   | ↓  |
| a) Computer -----   | ①   | ②  |
| b) Study desk/table for your use -----  | ①   | ②  |
| c) Books of your very own (do not<br>count your school books) -----   | ①   | ②  |
| d) Your own room -----  | ①   | ②  |
| e) Internet connection -----  | ①   | ②  |
| f) Encyclopedia (a book or CD) -----  | ①   | ②  |
| g) PlayStation <sup>®</sup> , Game Cube <sup>®</sup> , XBox <sup>®</sup> ,<br>or other TV/Video game system ----- | ①   | ②  |
| h) VCR, DVD, or Blu-ray player -----  | ①   | ②  |

# 7

How often do you use a computer in each of these places?

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

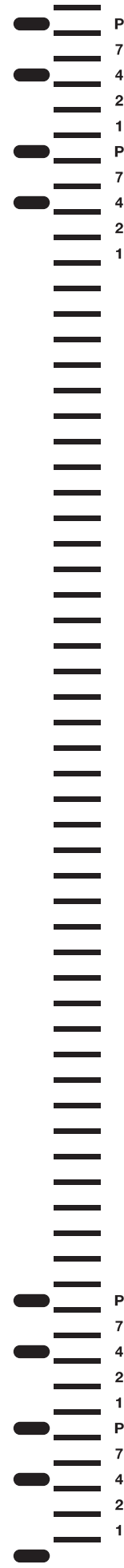
	Every day or almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Never or almost never
a) At home -----	① _____	② _____	③ _____	④ _____
b) At school -----	① _____	② _____	③ _____	④ _____
c) Some other place -----	① _____	② _____	③ _____	④ _____

# 8

How often do the following things happen at home?

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

	Every day or almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Never or almost never
a) My parents ask me what I am learning in school -----	① _____	② _____	③ _____	④ _____
b) I talk about my schoolwork with my parents -----	① _____	② _____	③ _____	④ _____
c) My parents make sure that I set aside time for my homework -----	① _____	② _____	③ _____	④ _____
d) My parents check if I do my homework -----	① _____	② _____	③ _____	④ _____



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## 9

The following questions ask about activities you do outside of school.

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

- |  | Yes          | No           |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| a) Do you play on a sports team outside of school?-----  | ↓<br>① _____ | ↓<br>② _____ |
| b) Do you often play a musical instrument outside of school? -----   | ① _____      | ② _____      |
| c) Are you studying something in a class outside of school? -----  | ① _____      | ② _____      |
| d) Do you belong to a club outside of school (like Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, 4-H, or Boys and Girls Club)?----- | ① _____      | ② _____      |

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## 10

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

Fill in **one** oval only.

- None -- ①  
1 or 2 days -- ②  
3 or 4 days -- ③  
5 to 10 days -- ④  
More than 10 days -- ⑤
- P  
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# Your School

## 11

What do you think about your school? Tell how much you agree with these statements.

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

- |   | Agree<br>a lot | Agree<br>a little | Disagree<br>a little | Disagree<br>a lot |
|---|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| a) I like being in school -----             | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| b) I feel safe when I am at school-----     | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| c) I feel like I belong at this school----- | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |

## 12

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

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

- |  | At least<br>once a<br>week | Once or<br>twice a<br>month | A few<br>times a<br>year | Never |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| a) I was made fun of or called names----   | ①                          | ②                           | ③                        | ④     |
| b) I was left out of games or activities<br>by other students -----                | ①                          | ②                           | ③                        | ④     |
| c) Someone spread lies about me-----   | ①                          | ②                           | ③                        | ④     |
| d) Something was stolen from me -----  | ①                          | ②                           | ③                        | ④     |
| e) I was hit or hurt by other student(s)<br>(e.g., shoving, hitting, kicking)----- | ①                          | ②                           | ③                        | ④     |
| f) I was made to do things I didn't<br>want to do by other students -----          | ①                          | ②                           | ③                        | ④     |

# Mathematics in school

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How much do you agree with these statements about learning mathematics?

Fill in *one* oval for each line.

- |  | Agree<br>a lot | Agree<br>a little | Disagree<br>a little | Disagree<br>a lot |
|--|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| a) I enjoy learning mathematics -----                      | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| b) I wish I did not have to study<br>mathematics -----     | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| c) Mathematics is boring -----                             | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| d) I learn many interesting<br>things in mathematics ----- | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| e) I like mathematics -----                                | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| f) It is important to do well<br>in mathematics -----      | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |

# 14

How much do you agree with these statements about your mathematics lessons?

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

- |   | Agree<br>a lot | Agree<br>a little | Disagree<br>a little | Disagree<br>a lot |
|---|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| a) I know what my teacher expects me to do -----      | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| b) I think of things not related to the lesson -----  | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| c) My teacher is easy to understand --                | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| d) I am interested in what my teacher says -----      | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| e) My teacher gives me interesting things to do ----- | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |



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How much do you agree with these statements about mathematics?

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

Agree a lot      Agree a little      Disagree a little      Disagree a lot

- a) I usually do well in mathematics --- ① \_\_\_\_\_ ② \_\_\_\_\_ ③ \_\_\_\_\_ ④ \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Mathematics is harder for me than for many of my classmates ---- ① \_\_\_\_\_ ② \_\_\_\_\_ ③ \_\_\_\_\_ ④ \_\_\_\_\_
- c) I am just not good at mathematics - ① \_\_\_\_\_ ② \_\_\_\_\_ ③ \_\_\_\_\_ ④ \_\_\_\_\_
- d) I learn things quickly in mathematics ----- ① \_\_\_\_\_ ② \_\_\_\_\_ ③ \_\_\_\_\_ ④ \_\_\_\_\_
- e) I am good at working out difficult mathematics problems ----- ① \_\_\_\_\_ ② \_\_\_\_\_ ③ \_\_\_\_\_ ④ \_\_\_\_\_
- f) My teacher tells me I am good at mathematics ----- ① \_\_\_\_\_ ② \_\_\_\_\_ ③ \_\_\_\_\_ ④ \_\_\_\_\_
- g) Mathematics is harder for me than any other subject ----- ① \_\_\_\_\_ ② \_\_\_\_\_ ③ \_\_\_\_\_ ④ \_\_\_\_\_

# Science in school

## 16

How much do you agree with these statements about learning science?

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

- |  | Agree<br>a lot | Agree<br>a little | Disagree<br>a little | Disagree<br>a lot |
|--|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| a) I enjoy learning science -----                      | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| b) I wish I did not have to<br>study science -----     | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| c) I read about science in my<br>spare time -----      | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| d) Science is boring -----                             | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| e) I learn many interesting<br>things in science ----- | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| f) I like science -----                                | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| g) It is important to do well<br>in science -----      | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |





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How much do you agree with these statements about your science lessons?

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

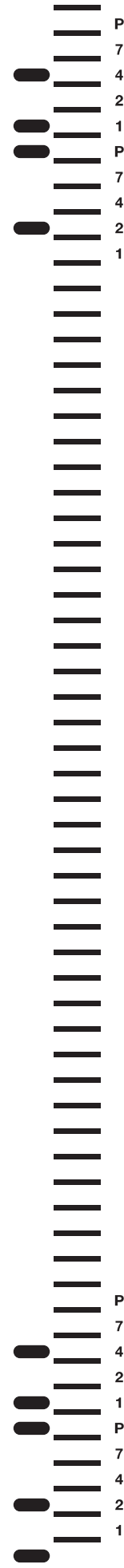
- |   | Agree<br>a lot | Agree<br>a little | Disagree<br>a little | Disagree<br>a lot |
|---|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| a) I know what my teacher expects me to do -----      | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| b) I think of things not related to the lesson -----  | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| c) My teacher is easy to understand --                | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| d) I am interested in what my teacher says -----      | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| e) My teacher gives me interesting things to do ----- | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |

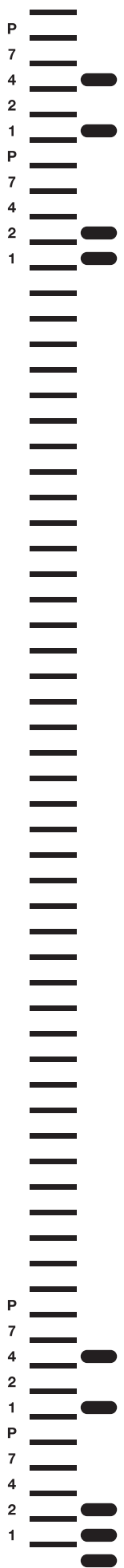
# 18

How much do you agree with these statements about science?

Fill in **one** oval for each line.

- |  | Agree<br>a lot | Agree<br>a little | Disagree<br>a little | Disagree<br>a lot |
|--|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| a) I usually do well in science -----                              | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| b) Science is harder for me<br>than for many of my classmates ---- | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| c) I am just not good at science -----                             | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| d) I learn things quickly<br>in science -----                      | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| e) My teacher tells me I am good<br>at science -----               | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |
| f) Science is harder for me<br>than any other subject -----        | ①              | ②                 | ③                    | ④                 |





**Thank You!**  
Thank you for filling out the questionnaire!