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1970 British Cohort Study (BCS70)
2004 Survey

Questionnaire for young people aged 10 - 16 years

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HOW TO FILL IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer the questions by:

Ticking a box - like this

Or writing a number in a box - like this

Sometimes you will find an instruction telling you which question to answer next - like this

Yes

No → Go to question 99
First, some questions about what people of your age do with their spare time.

On a normal school day, how many hours do you spend watching TV, including videos and DVDs? Remember to include time before and after school.

Tick one box

Q1

None – I don’t watch TV

Less than an hour

1 to 3 hours

4 to 6 hours

7 hours or more

On a normal school day, how many hours do you spend playing computer games on your computer at home?

Tick one box

Q2

Less than an hour

1 to 3 hours

4 to 6 hours

7 hours or more

None, I don’t play computer games at home

I don’t have a computer that I can use at home
In the last month, how often have you read a book that was not something you had to read for school?

**Q3**

- Every day or most days [ ]
- Two, three or four times a week [ ]
- About once a week [ ]
- Once or twice a month [ ]
- Less often than that [ ]
- Never [ ]

How often do you go to any of the activities listed below?

**Tick one box on each line**

- **Q4a** Youth clubs
  - Every day [ ]
  - Most days [ ]
  - 2 - 3 days a week [ ]
  - 1 day a week [ ]
  - Less than once a week [ ]
  - Hardly ever/never [ ]

- **Q4b** Scouts / guides
  - Every day [ ]
  - Most days [ ]
  - 2 - 3 days a week [ ]
  - 1 day a week [ ]
  - Less than once a week [ ]
  - Hardly ever/never [ ]

- **Q4c** Sports clubs / lessons (outside of school time)
  - Every day [ ]
  - Most days [ ]
  - 2 - 3 days a week [ ]
  - 1 day a week [ ]
  - Less than once a week [ ]
  - Hardly ever/never [ ]

- **Q4d** Party / nightclub
  - Every day [ ]
  - Most days [ ]
  - 2 - 3 days a week [ ]
  - 1 day a week [ ]
  - Less than once a week [ ]
  - Hardly ever/never [ ]

- **Q4e** Other
  - Every day [ ]
  - Most days [ ]
  - 2 - 3 days a week [ ]
  - 1 day a week [ ]
  - Less than once a week [ ]
  - Hardly ever/never [ ]
When you have got free time, who do you usually spend it with?

**Tick all the answers that apply to you**

- Q5a Mum or dad  
- Q5b Brother(s) or sister(s)  
- Q5c A boyfriend or girlfriend or partner  
- Q5d One close friend  
- Q5e A group of friends – boys and girls  
- Q5f A group of friends the same sex as me  
- Q5g No one, I like to spend time on my own

How much pocket money or spending money do you usually get each week? This includes any money you get from your parents or from other relatives. If you do not usually get any money, write 0 in both boxes.

- Q6a I get \[ \_ \_ \_ \] pounds and \[ \_ \_ \_ \] pence

When you go out on your own, do your parents – mum or dad – ask you where you are going?

**Tick one box**

- Q7 Always  
- Nearly always  
- Sometimes  
- Hardly ever  
- Never  
- I never go out on my own
8. How often, if at all, do you help around the house?

Q8
Tick one box
Every day or most days
Two, three or four times a week
About once a week
Once or twice a month
Less often than that
Never

9. How often do you talk to your mum about what you do at school?

Q9
Tick one box
Two or more times a week
About once a week
Once or twice a month
Less often than that
Never
I don't have a mum or I don't see my mum very often
I don't go to school

10. How often do you talk to your mum about other things, like friends, going out and so on?

Q10
Tick one box
Two or more times a week
About once a week
Once or twice a month
Less often than that
Never
I don't have a mum or I don't see my mum very often
How often do you talk to your dad about what you do at school?

**Q11**

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How often do you talk to your dad about other things, like friends, going out and so on?

**Q12**

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How do you feel about your teachers? Read the sentences below and choose the one that best describes you.

**Q13**

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How do you feel about the time you spend at school?
Read the sentences below and choose the one that best describes you.

**Q14**

Tick one box

- I always or nearly always enjoy school
- I sometimes enjoy school
- I don't enjoy school very often
- I never enjoy school
- Don't know
- I don't go to school

How important is it to you to get good marks in your schoolwork, tests or exams?

**Q15**

Tick one box

- Not at all important
- Not very important
- Fairly important
- Very important
- Don't know
- I don't go to school
16 In the last year, how often have you skipped or bunked off school?

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17 What do you want to do when you are 16 and can leave school?

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How likely do you think it is that you will go to university or college and study for a degree?

**Tick one box**

1. Very likely
2. Fairly likely
3. Not very likely
4. Not at all likely
5. Don't know

Now we have some questions about you and how you feel about yourself.

Each question describes two types of young people. For each question, we want you to choose which type of young person is most like you.

When you have decided which of the two types of young people is most like you, tick the box that says how true that description is for you: is it really true or sort of true for you?

For example, if you really don't like any sports then you should tick as shown below – you don't like sport and it is really true for you.

These questions are taken from “The Perceived Competence Scale for Children”, devised by Susan Harter. For further details refer to Child Development, Vol. 53, No. 1. (Feb, 1982), pp. 87-97. Also see ‘BCS70pc_10to16HarterQs.doc’ on the CLS website (maybe put link here).

Which type of young person is most like you?

Some young people **like** sport

OR

Some young people **don't like** sport

**Tick one box**

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If you are not sure what to do, please ask the interviewer to show you.

Start with question 19 on the next page and tick one box for each question.
Which type of young person is most like you?

19. Some young people **never worry** about whether they can do the school work given to them  
OR  
Some young people **worry** about whether they can do the school work given to them

Tick one box

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20. Some young people are often **unhappy** with themselves  
OR  
Some young people are usually **pleased** with themselves

Tick one box

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21. Some young people feel they are **as clever** as others their age  
OR  
Some young people feel they are **not as clever** as others their age

Tick one box

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**Which type of young person is most like you?**

**Q22**
Some young people **don't like** the way they are leading their lives  
OR  
Some young people **like** the way they are leading their lives

**Tick one box**

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**Q23**
Some young people are **slow** to finish their school work  
OR  
Some young people do their school work **quickly**

**Tick one box**

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**Q24**
Some young people are usually **happy** with themselves  
OR  
Some young people are often **not happy** with themselves

**Tick one box**

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Which type of young person is most like you?

**Q25**

Some young people often **forget** what they learn

OR

Some young people usually **remember** what they learn easily

Tick one box

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**Q26**

Some young people **like** the kind of person they are most of the time

OR

Some young people often wish they were **like someone else**

Tick one box

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**Q27**

Some young people **do very well** at their school work

OR

Some young people **don't do very well** at their school work

Tick one box

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Which type of young person is most like you?

28. Some young people are very happy with the way they are

OR

Some young people wish they were different from the way they are

Tick one box

Q28
Really true for me
Sort of true for me

Sort of true for me
Really true for me

6085
1
2
3
4

29. Some young people have trouble working out the right answers in school

OR

Some young people can almost always work out the right answers

Tick one box

Q29
Really true for me
Sort of true for me

Sort of true for me
Really true for me

6086
1
2
3
4

30. Some young people aren't very happy with the way they do most things

OR

Some young people think the way they do most things is fine

Tick one box

Q30
Really true for me
Sort of true for me

Sort of true for me
Really true for me

6087
1
2
3
4

Spare 6088 - 6095
This question is about smoking. Read the following sentences carefully and choose the one that best describes you.

**Tick one box**

**Q31**

- I have never smoked cigarettes
- I have smoked cigarettes once or twice only
- I used to smoke cigarettes, but I don’t now
- I sometimes smoke cigarettes, but I don’t smoke every week
- I smoke cigarettes regularly, once a week or more

This question is about drinking alcohol. Read the following sentences carefully and choose the one that best describes you. Please include whole drinks, not just a sip.

**Tick one box**

**Q32**

- I have never drunk alcohol
- I have drunk alcohol once or twice only
- I used to drink alcohol but I don’t now
- I sometimes drink alcohol, but I don’t drink alcohol every week
- I drink alcohol regularly, once a week or more

This question is about cannabis – this is also called lots of other things, for example marijuana, dope, hash, spliff, skunk or weed. Read the following sentences carefully and choose the one that best describes you.

**Tick one box**

**Q33**

- I have never smoked cannabis
- I have smoked cannabis once or twice only
- I used to smoke cannabis, but I don’t now
- I sometimes smoke cannabis, but I don’t smoke every week
- I smoke cannabis regularly, once a week or more
This question is about inhaling or sniffing glue, gas, aerosols or solvents. Read the following sentences carefully and choose the one that best describes you.

**Q34**

- I have never sniffed glue, gas, aerosols or solvents  
- I have sniffed glue, gas, aerosols or solvents once or twice only  
- I used to sniff glue, gas, aerosols or solvents, but I don't now  
- I sometimes sniff glue, gas, aerosols or solvents, but I don't do it every week  
- I sniff glue, gas, aerosols or solvents regularly, once a week or more

Have you ever stolen something from a shop, supermarket or department store?

**Q35**

- Yes  
- No

Have you ever been picked on or bullied by another school pupil?

**Q36**

- Yes  
- No

Have you ever picked on or bullied another school pupil, either by yourself or with someone else?

**Q37**

- Yes  
- No
Thank you very much for taking the time to answer our questions. Please put your questionnaire in the envelope provided. If the interviewer is still in your home, give the envelope to them. If not, please post it back as soon as possible. All your answers will remain confidential. Please call Freephone 0500 600 616 if you have any queries.