Student Reading Survey

Introduction
The aim of this survey is to find out how much students read and what they read. First you will be asked some general questions about yourself. You will then be asked about how often you read and what types of things you read. You will also be asked about different authors that you may have heard of. Finally, there will be some vocabulary questions.
The survey should take no more than 12 minutes to complete.
Thank you very much for your help.

Ethics and Data Protection
This survey is completely anonymous, nobody will see your answers apart from the research team. The anonymous results may be published, presented at conferences and shared with other researchers. Your details will not be shared with any third parties.
You do not have to take part in this survey and can leave the survey at any time if you change your mind.
The research has been granted ethical approval by the University of Reading. If you have any concerns or would like any further information please contact the researcher Beverley Jennings (email: b.j.jennings@pgr.reading.ac.uk) or her supervisor Dr Holly Joseph (h.joseph@reading.ac.uk). If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the results of the research project, then you can ask for a copy to be emailed to you.

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Section 1 - Consent to take part in the survey

I have read the information provided and understand what I am being asked to do	◯ Yes ◯ No
I agree to take part in the survey	◯ Yes ◯ No

Section 2 - Some questions about you

What is your gender?

○ Female
○ Male
○ Other
○ I would prefer not to say

You can enter your gender here

_____
(gender)

Are you (or have you ever been) entitled to free school meals and/or pupil premium funding?

○ Yes
○ No
○ Don't know
○ I would prefer not to say

Do you speak any languages other than English?

○ Yes
○ No
○ I would prefer not to say

What is your postcode?

This information will be used to see what areas survey responses are coming from.

(leave box blank if you would prefer not to say)

_____
(postcode)

What is your ethnic group?

○ White
○ Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups
○ Asian/Asian British
○ Black/ African/Caribbean/Black British
○ Other ethnic group
○ Prefer not to say

Please select your ethnic group:

○ English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
○ Irish
○ Gypsy or Irish Traveller
○ Any other White background
○ prefer not to say

Please select your ethnic group:

○ White and Black Caribbean
○ White and Black African
○ White and Asian
○ Any other Mixed/Multiple ethnic background
○ Prefer to not say

Please select your ethnic group:

○ Indian
○ Pakistani
○ Bangladeshi
○ Chinese
○ Any other Asian background
○ Prefer not to say

Please select your ethnic group:

○ African
○ Caribbean
○ Any other Black/African/Caribbean background
○ Prefer not to say

Please select your ethnic group: ◯ Arab
                                      ◯ Any other ethnic group
                                      ◯ Prefer not to say

Section 3 - Some questions about English language GCSE

Have you taken English language GCSE?	◯ Yes ◯ No ◯ Prefer not to say
In what year did you take English language GCSE? (If you have taken the qualification more than once please enter the year in which you achieved your highest grade.)	◯ 2018 ◯ 2019 ◯ 2020 ◯ 2021 ◯ Other ◯ Prefer not to say
Year in which you took your GCSE exams	_____ (year of GCSE exams)
What grade did you achieve in your English language GCSE? (If you have taken the qualification more than once please enter your highest grade achieved.)	◯ 9 ◯ 8 ◯ 7 ◯ 6 ◯ 5 ◯ 4 ◯ 3 ◯ 2 ◯ 1 ◯ U ◯ Prefer not to say
Have you been given a target or predicted grade for English language GCSE?	◯ Yes ◯ No ◯ Don't know ◯ Prefer not to say
What is the target or predicted grade that you have been given by your school/college for GCSE English language?	◯ 9 ◯ 8 ◯ 7 ◯ 6 ◯ 5 ◯ 4 ◯ 3 ◯ 2 ◯ 1 ◯ U ◯ Prefer not to say

Section 4 - Some questions about how much time you spend reading

Think about all the different times you read something yesterday (at home and at school/college).
Roughly how many minutes in total do you think you spent reading?

_____
(minutes spent reading yesterday)

By reading I mean reading a reading book, an e-book, a newspaper or online news site, school textbooks or resources used in a lesson or for homework, poems, song lyrics or any other large piece of writing.

Minutes spent reading (at home and at school/college) yesterday:

e.g: 1 hour = 60 mins
2 hours = 120 mins
3 hours = 180 mins
4 hours = 240 mins

Is [reading_yesterday] minutes more, less or the same as the amount of time you spend reading on a typical day?

○ more than usual
○ the same as usual
○ less than usual

On average, how many minutes do you think you usually spend reading each day?

This should include both reading at school/college and at home.

_____
(average minutes reading each day)

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Section 5 - Two questions about how your reading compares to other students your age

How does the time you spend reading each day compare
to other students your age?
Do you read:

◯ A lot more than others
◯ A little more than others
◯ About the same as others
◯ A little less than others
◯ A lot less than others
◯ Not sure/prefer not to say

How does your enjoyment of reading compare to other
students your age?
Do you enjoy reading:

◯ A lot more than others
◯ A little more than others
◯ About the same as others
◯ A little less than others
◯ A lot less than others
◯ Not sure/prefer not to say

Section 6 - Some questions about the types of reading you do

What kinds of different things do you usually read?
Please tick all that apply.

☐ Modern fiction (stories)
☐ Older/Classic fiction (before 1900)
☐ Poetry
☐ Drama/play scripts
☐ Biographies and autobiographies
☐ Non-fiction (information) books
☐ Newspaper articles
☐ Online articles/blogs
☐ Magazines
☐ Other

What are the other types of things that you usually read?

_____

Which type of reading do you do most often?

Please just choose one option that best represents the type of reading you do most often.

○ Modern fiction (stories)
○ Older/Classic fiction (before 1900)
○ Poetry
○ Drama/play scripts
○ Biographies and autobiographies
○ Non-fiction (information) books
○ Newspaper articles
○ Online articles/blogs
○ Magazines
○ Other

What is the type of reading that you do most often?

_____
(what do you read most often)

Which type of reading do you enjoy the most?

Please just choose one option that best represents the type of reading you enjoy the most.

○ Modern fiction (stories)
○ Older/Classic fiction (before 1900)
○ Poetry
○ Drama/play scripts
○ Biographies and autobiographies
○ Non-fiction (information) books
○ Newspaper articles
○ Online articles/blogs
○ Magazines
○ Other

What is the type of reading that you enjoy the most?

_____
(what do you enjoy reading the most)

Which type of reading do you do most of for school/college?

Please just choose one option that best represents the type of reading you do most of for school/college.

○ Modern fiction (stories)
○ Older/Classic fiction (before 1900)
○ Poetry
○ Drama/play scripts
○ Biographies and autobiographies
○ Non-fiction (information) books
○ Newspaper articles
○ Online articles/blogs
○ Magazines
○ Other

What is the type of reading that you read most of for school/college work?

_____
(what do you read most of for school/college)

What type of reading do you do most of for pleasure (not for school/college)?

Please just choose one option that best represents the type of reading you do for pleasure (not for school/college).

◯ Modern fiction (stories)
◯ Older/Classic fiction (before 1900)
◯ Poetry
◯ Drama/play scripts
◯ Biographies and autobiographies
◯ Non-fiction (information) books
◯ Newspaper articles
◯ Online articles/blogs
◯ Magazines
◯ Other

What type of reading do you do most for pleasure?

_____
(what do you read most for pleasure)

Section 7 - Some names that might be authors

Which of these do you know are real authors?
Select the names that you know are real authors.
Do not guess, but only select those that you know are authors. Remember not all of the names are real authors.

- ☐ Albany Gardner
- ☐ Alfred Thomson
- ☐ Annabella Lyons
- ☐ Anthony Horowitz
- ☐ Anthony McGowan
- ☐ Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- ☐ Barbara Darlington
- ☐ Benjamin Zephaniah
- ☐ Bess Wright
- ☐ Caitlin Jones Brewer

Which of these do you know are real authors?
Select the names that you know are real authors.
Do not guess, but only select those that you know are authors. Remember not all of the names are real authors.

- ☐ Celestine Hobbs
- ☐ Chadwik Humphreys
- ☐ Charles Dickens
- ☐ Charles Myatt
- ☐ Charles Stainton
- ☐ Charlotte Bronte
- ☐ Charlotte Garcia
- ☐ Chris Bradford
- ☐ Chris Riddell
- ☐ Clara Armstrong

Which of these do you know are real authors?
Select the names that you know are real authors.
Do not guess, but only select those that you know are authors. Remember not all of the names are real authors.

- ☐ Corrinne Tucker
- ☐ Dai Glover
- ☐ Daphne Du Maurier
- ☐ Darren Shan
- ☐ Dennis Kelly
- ☐ Derek Landy
- ☐ E G Andrews
- ☐ Edgar Allan Poe
- ☐ Elizabeth Acevedo
- ☐ Elliott Ward

Which of these do you know are real authors?
Select the names that you know are real authors.
Do not guess, but only select those that you know are authors. Remember not all of the names are real authors.

- ☐ Emily Walton
- ☐ Dame Emma Daniel
- ☐ Frank Rees
- ☐ George Eliot
- ☐ George Orwell
- ☐ Geraldine McCaughrean
- ☐ Grover Hayes
- ☐ H G Wells
- ☐ Harper Lee
- ☐ Henry Bowman

Which of these do you know are real authors?
Select the names that you know are real authors.
Do not guess, but only select those that you know are authors. Remember not all of the names are real authors.

- ☐ Hughie Butler
- ☐ J A Reeves
- ☐ J B Priestly
- ☐ J K Rowling
- ☐ Jacqueline Wilson
- ☐ Jane Austen
- ☐ Jason Reynolds
- ☐ Jayden Martinez
- ☐ Jocelyn Benton
- ☐ John Bottles

Which of these do you know are real authors? Select the names that you know are real authors. Do not guess, but only select those that you know are authors. Remember not all of the names are real authors.	☐ John Green ☐ John Keats ☐ Kamakshi Thomson ☐ Kazuo Ishiguro ☐ Kennice Smith Peters ☐ Kiera Cass ☐ Kristen Banks ☐ Leonora Alexander ☐ Linda Pongham ☐ Linsay Fletcher
Which of these do you know are real authors? Select the names that you know are real authors. Do not guess, but only select those that you know are authors. Remember not all of the names are real authors.	☐ Lisbet Abraham ☐ Lois Lowry ☐ Loriel Johnson ☐ Louis Sacher ☐ Louisa May Alcott ☐ Lulu Brown ☐ Malachi Frost ☐ Malorie Blackman ☐ Mary Hutchins ☐ Mary Shelley
Which of these do you know are real authors? Select the names that you know are real authors. Do not guess, but only select those that you know are authors. Remember not all of the names are real authors.	☐ Meghan Horton ☐ Michael Morpurgo ☐ Morris Gleitzman ☐ Nicholas Winkler ☐ Norman Morton ☐ Oscar Hall ☐ Patricia Cobham ☐ Patrick Ness ☐ Philip Pullman ☐ Philip Reeve
Which of these do you know are real authors? Select the names that you know are real authors. Do not guess, but only select those that you know are authors. Remember not all of the names are real authors.	☐ Prabhakar Hale ☐ Rick Riordan ☐ Robert Louis Stevenson ☐ Stephenie Meyer ☐ Sterling Connolly ☐ Susan Hill ☐ Suzanne Collins ☐ Tara Khan ☐ Terrell Mills ☐ Sir Thomas Hammond
Which of these do you know are real authors? Select the names that you know are real authors. Do not guess, but only select those that you know are authors. Remember not all of the names are real authors.	☐ Thomas Hardy ☐ Tracy Dowle ☐ Victor Kaur ☐ Wilfred Owen ☐ Wilkie Collins ☐ William Adkins ☐ William Blake ☐ William Golding ☐ William Shakespeare ☐ Willy Russell

Section 8 (last one) - Some vocabulary questions

Which answer is nearest in meaning to the word in italics?

Having once got hold they never let go but struggled and wrestled and rolled incessantly.

- ○ continually
- ○ suddenly
- ○ freely
- ○ separately

Which answer is nearest in meaning to the word in italics?

She is weeping uncontrollably.

- ○ quietly
- ○ privately
- ○ every now and then
- ○ strongly

Which answer is nearest in meaning to the word in italics?

They rode in majestically.

- ○ clumsily
- ○ impressively
- ○ carefully
- ○ slowly

Which answer is nearest in meaning to the word in italics?

She had large, grave, wistfully attentive eyes.

- ○ mistily
- ○ annoyingly
- ○ thoughtfully
- ○ beautifully

Which answer is nearest in meaning to the word in italics?

The dispirited horses plodded sullenly to his command.

- ○ depressed
- ○ exhausted
- ○ vicious
- ○ ghostly

Which answer is nearest in meaning to the word in italics?

It rekindled the few expiring embers of freedom.

- ○ burnt out
- ○ woke up
- ○ treated kindly
- ○ killed off

Which answer is nearest in meaning to the word in italics?

They swam out to the first line of breakers, and then diving down were seen no more.

- ○ boats
- ○ rocks
- ○ enemies
- ○ waves

Which answer is nearest in meaning to the word in italics?

The boulder then crushes my right hand and ensnares my right arm at the wrist.

- ○ predator
- ○ soldier
- ○ rock
- ○ trap

Which answer is nearest in meaning to the word in italics?

She hid her face in her napkin, and left the table.

- ○ hands
- ○ book
- ○ handkerchief
- ○ serviette

Which answer is nearest in meaning to the word in italics?

He has thick black whiskers, and wears a frock coat, billowy shirt, and cravat.

- ○ tie
- ○ belt
- ○ weapon
- ○ hat

Which answer is nearest in meaning to the word in italics? I was so sick and giddy that I was always on the verge of falling.	◯ weak ◯ dizzy ◯ tired ◯ injured
Which answer is nearest in meaning to the word in italics? We can see the river of molten lava which snakes away for several miles.	◯ liquid ◯ burning ◯ hot ◯ poisonous
Which answer is nearest in meaning to the word in italics? There stood the figure of a solitary woman.	◯ sad ◯ lonely ◯ bored ◯ lone
Which answer is nearest in meaning to the word in italics? I was going to make a little savoury mince meat for supper or breakfast.	◯ not-sweet ◯ sweet ◯ not-bitter ◯ bitter
Which answer is nearest in meaning to the word in italics? There were quiet lumps of sheep licking the spiky grass.	◯ soft ◯ damp ◯ pointed ◯ tasty

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