

# Growing Up in Ireland

#### Read Along Questionnaire for 9 year olds

#### Instructions

Welcome to the Growing up in Ireland study. We want to find out what it is like to be a 9 year old child living in Ireland. You are one of 10,000 children aged 9 years that are taking part in this survey. Your answers will help the government to plan things for young people like yourself.

There are a number of questions which I will read out to you and which I would like you to answer. Some of the questions are about you, your school, your family, friends, how you feel and what you like to do. If you feel that there are any questions which you do not wish to answer, then that's ok.

This is not a test and there are no right or wrong answers. Take your time and try to answer each question the way you *really think*. If you need help just let the interviewer know.

We will not tell anyone your answers to these questions. But if you tell us something that makes us worried about you, then we might have to tell someone who could help.



An Roinn Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige Department of Children and Youth Affairs





# First think about school

### Section A: School

1. What do you think about school?							
	Always like it	Sometimes like it $\Box_2$	Never like it□₃				
2	2. How well do you think you are doing in your school work?						
	Well	Average/Ok2	Poorly3				

## 3. Do you like the following subjects?

		Always like it	Sometimes like it	Never like it
a)	Maths		2	
b)	Reading	1		
c)	Irish	1	2	

## 4. How often do you get homework?

Never	3-4 times a week₃
1-2 times a week₂	5 times a week4

# Section B: Using a Computer

5. Do you have a computer, iPad, smartphone or other gadget at home that you can use to access the internet?

6. In the last week did you use it? (say all the things that you did)

		Yes	No	
<b>a)</b>	to watch videos on YouTube?		2	
<b>b)</b>	to visit a social Media profile?		2	
<b>c)</b>	to play games on your own?		2	
d)	to play games with other people?		<b></b> 2	
e)	for instant messaging?		<b></b> 2	
f)	for homework?	1	2	
g)	to watch TV or movies on the internet?		<b></b> 2	
h)	to download apps		<b>2</b>	
i)	to download or stream music or films?		<b>2</b>	
j)	to share photos, videos or music with		2	
	people other than your family?			
k)	to read a book	1	2	
l)	to search for information on things that	<b>_</b> 1	<b></b> 2	
	interest you			
m)	other things you do with it	<b>_</b> 1	2	
Please tell me what else you do on the internet?				

## What type of gadget do you use most when you are online? (say one)

iPad or other tablet device	]1
laptop	ם2
desktop computer	]3
smartphone	[4
games console (e.g. xbox, Wii, PlayStation)	
something else (please write it down)	

## 8. Who owns this gadget? (say one)

You	□1
Mum or dad	]2
Older brother or sister	]3
Shared by all the family	□4
Someone else (please write it down)	

- 9. Are you allowed to use the internet without your parents or another adult checking what you are doing? Yes. 1 No ... 2
- 10. Do you have your own mobile phone? Yes. 1 No ... 260 to Q12
- 11. Can you use this phone to access the internet?  $Y_{es.}$   $\square_1$   $N_{0.1}$

## Section C: Likes and Dislikes

- Could you tell me the three things you like to do most in your free time? (your favourite thing)
  - Most favourite thing:\_\_\_\_\_\_
  - Second favourite thing: \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - Third favourite thing: \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### 13. About how many friends do you have?

	None. Do Go to Q15		6 - 10	
		3 - 5□₂	More than $10\Box_4$	
14.	•		how often do you	spend time with
	your friends (say ONE box only)			
	Most days		Less often than on	ce a montn4
	At least once a w	eek	Never	5
	At least once a m	onth⊡₃		

15. Over the past 7 days on how many days were you physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day? Physical activity is any activity that increases your heart rate and makes you get out of breath some of the time.

No days	4 days
1 day	5 days
2 days	6 days
3 days	7 days

## 16. How often do you play sport?

Never	3-4 times a week $\square_3$
1-2 times a week	Almost every day $\Box_4$

#### 17. What sport(s) do you play? Say up to 3 sports

Gaelic football	Athletics/Running
Soccer	Rugby
Swimming	Camogie
Dance	Horse riding
Hurling	Other (Please write it down) $\square_{11}$
Basketball□6	

#### 18. What is your favourite sport?

#### 19. How often do you read for fun (not for school)?

Every day
A few times a week $\Box_2$
Once a week
A few times a month
Less than once a month $\Box_5$
Never

# 20. What do you like to read (in print or online)? Tick as many as you want

#### 21. Do you do any of these chores or jobs at home?

	Often	Occasionally /Sometimes	Never
a) Help with cooking for the family		2	3
b) Hoovering / cleaning	<b>1</b>	2	3
c) Helping in the garden		2	3
d) Washing the dishes / Emptying the dishwasher		2	3
e) Putting out the bin / recycling		2	3
f) Cleaning the car	<b>1</b>	2	3
g) Helping with your younger brothers or sisters	<b>1</b>	2	3
h) Helping an elderly or sick relative in the family	<b>1</b>	2	3
i) Feeding or cleaning up after your family pet		2	3

22. What would you most like to be when you grow up? Please describe what you would like to be as fully as possible.

- 24. What sort? [Say them all]

