

APPENDIX

Questionnaire

A Survey on Reading Habits and Interest of Teenagers

A survey is being conducted by R. Subashini, a student of the Faculty of Languages and Linguistics, Universiti Malaya, in fulfillment of the requirement for the degree of Masters in English as a Second Language (MESL).

The purpose of this questionnaire is to identify, evaluate and assess teenagers reading habits and interest. All information given by respondents will be treated with confidentiality respondents will not be identified in writing that results from this study.

Please answer the following question honestly. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Questionnaire

PART 1 : Personal details of respondents

1. Location of home : Urban () Rural ()
2. Age group : 16 years ()
17 years ()
18 years ()
3. Parents occupation : _____
4. Parents educational qualification: Primary school ()
Secondary school (form 3) ()
Secondary school (form 4) ()
Secondary school (form 6) ()
Diploma ()
Degree ()
Others (please specify) ()
Others (please specify) ()
5. Family's monthly income : Less than RM300.00 ()
RM301-RM500 ()
RM501-RM700 ()
RM701-RM1000 ()
RM1001-RM1500 ()

RM1501-RM2000 ()

More than RM2000 ()

6. Number of occupants at home: _____

7. Number of people who can read in English at home : _____

8. Languages spoken at home : Malay ()

Chinese ()

Tamil ()

Others (please specify) ()

9. What are some of the reading materials found at home? (you may select at least three)

Newspapers ()

Magazines ()

Books ()

Recipes ()

Comics ()

Others (please specify): _____

Have you read any English books?

10. Where are these reading materials kept at home? (you may select more than one)

All around the house ()

In the hall ()

Study room ()

Reading room ()

Bedroom ()

Others (please specify): _____

11. Who taught you to read in English?

Parents ()

Teachers ()

Friends ()

Siblings ()

Others (please specify): _____

12. State approximately how much you spent on reading materials for the past six months?

Newspapers : _____

Magazines : _____

Books : _____

PART 2 : NEWSPAPERS

13. Have you read any English newspapers this months?

Yes ()

No ()

(if no, proceed to question 14, if yes, proceed to question 15)

14. Why have you not read any newspapers? (you may select three)

Not interested ()

No time ()

Too expensive ()

Not important to me ()

Cannot understand the language ()

Difficult to buy English newspapers in my area ()

Other reasons (please specify): _____

15. Give the name of one English newspapers that you have read this month:

16. Where did you obtain your newspapers:

Bought ()

Borrowed from friends ()

Library ()

Others (please specify): _____

17. In a day how long do you spend reading newspapers:

Less than 30 minutes ()

30 mins – 1 hour ()

More than one hour ()

18. Which section in the newspapers, do you like to read most? (you may select three)

Local news ()

Foreign news ()

Sports ()

Comics ()

Entertainment ()

- Advertisements ()
- TV/Radio guide ()
- Horoscope ()
- Story features ()
- Others (please specify): _____

PART 3 : MAGAZINES

19. Have you read any English magazines this month?

- Yes ()
- No ()

(if no proceed to number 20, if yes proceed to number 21)

20. Why have you not read any newspapers

- Not interested ()
- No time ()
- Too expensive ()
- Not important to me ()
- Cannot understand the language ()
- Difficult to buy English magazines in my area ()
- Others (please specify): _____

21. Name one English magazine you have read this month. _____

Others (please specify): _____

22. Where do you get your magazines from?

Buy ()

Borrow ()

School library ()

Others (please specify): _____

23. In a week, how long do you spend reading magazines?

Less than 2 hours ()

2-4 hours ()

4-6 hours ()

more than 6 hours ()

24. Select three types of magazines you like most

Entertainment ()

Fashion ()

Sports ()

Educational ()

Comics ()

Cooking ()

Decorations ()

Teen magazine ()

Others (please specify): _____

PART 4: BOOKS

25. How many books have you read in the past six months? _____

26. Select three types of books you like most.

Religion ()

Romance/Love stories ()

Humour ()

Crime ()

Family stories ()

Thrillers ()

Horror ()

Mysteries ()

Historic Novels ()

Others (please specify): _____

27. Where do you get your books from?

Buy ()

Borrow ()

Library ()

Others (please specify): _____

28. In a week how long do you spend reading books?

More than 2 hours ()

- 2-4 hours ()
- 4-6 hours ()
- more than 6 hours ()

29. When buying a book, what would you look for? (select three)

- Contents ()
- Illustrations/Pictures ()
- Title ()
- Author ()
- Size and thickness ()
- Others (please specify): _____

30. Select three activities done during your free time.

- Watching TV ()
- Reading ()
- Listening to radio ()
- Walking ()
- Chatting with friends ()
- Window shopping ()
- Playing games ()
- Others (please specify): _____

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Interview Questions

Some of the items asked during the interview session were :

1. What activities do you do during your leisure?
2. What is your opinion on reading?
3. How do you feel about reading?
4. Do you think it is important for teenagers to develop a reading habit?
Why?
5. Is reading important to you? Why?
6. What do you read mainly for?(i.e. pleasure, information, homework, study, exams)
7. Whose recommendation do you depend on when selecting reading materials? (friends, teachers, parents, personal interest etc)
8. Do you go to the library? How often do you visit the library??
9. Why do you go to the library? (read books, read newspapers, read magazines, borrow books, chat with friends etc)