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) ( )

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): ______________________

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. ____________________________
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)