


**Census at School – Canada
Questionnaire – Grades 9 to 12
2008/2009**

Note: The globe icon  indicates an international question that is included in each participating country's questionnaire.

The province or territory of your school: _____


 **1. Are you male or female?** _____


 **2. When were you born?** _____ month ____ day ____ year

 **3. In how many languages can you hold an everyday conversation?**

1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 • 6 • 7 • 8 • 9


 **4. How tall are you without your shoes on?** Answer to the nearest half centimeter.
_____ . __ cm

 **5. What is your arm span?** (Open arms wide and measure distance across your back from tip of right hand middle finger to tip of left hand middle finger.) Answer to the nearest half centimetre. _____ . __ cm

 **6. What is the length of your right foot, without a shoe?** Answer to the nearest half centimetre. _____ . __ cm


7. What is the length of your right forearm, from your elbow bone to your wrist bone? Answer to the nearest half centimetre. _____ . __ cm

8. What is your wrist circumference in millimetres? _____ mm (1 cm = 10 mm)

 **9. Are you right-handed, left-handed or ambidextrous?** (An ambidextrous person is able to use their right and left hands equally well.)

• Right-handed • Left-handed • Ambidextrous

Note: The following question can only be answered using the online questionnaire.

 **10. Use your dominant hand to test your reaction time. Click "Start". As soon as you see the symbol ∞ appear in the box, click "Stop".**

11. What do you *usually* have for breakfast? Check all that apply:

- Grain products: (e.g., bread, cereal, toast, muffin, bagel, rice, pasta)
- Milk products and alternatives: (e.g., milk, soy beverage, cheese, yogurt)
- Vegetables and fruits: (e.g., juice, bananas, oranges, carrots, tomatoes)
- Meat and alternatives: (e.g., eggs, bacon, chicken, peanut butter, beans)
- Other: (e.g., tea, coffee, pop, chips, cookies, donuts)
- No breakfast



12. In what sport or activity do you most enjoy participating? Choose one:

Athletics • Baseball/Softball • Basketball • Bowling • Cricket • Cycling • Dancing • Football/Soccer • Golf • Gymnastics • Hockey (Field) • Hockey (Ice) • Martial arts • Netball • Rowing • Rugby Union • Rugby League • Running/Jogging • skateboarding/Rollerblading • Swimming • Table Tennis • Tennis • Walking/Hiking • Other activities/sports • None

13. On *how many days* last week did you do intense physical activity? (An intense physical activity makes you feel out of breath, tired or warmer than usual.) Choose one:

• 0 • 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 • 6 • 7

14. How many cigarettes a week do you usually smoke? Type in a number _____

15. What is your *favourite* subject at school? Choose one:

- art • English • French • social studies • history • geography • math
- science • computers • music • physical education • other

16. How much pressure do you feel because of the schoolwork you have to do?
Choose one:

• none • very little • some • a lot



17. What is the main method of travel that you typically use to get to school?

Choose one:

Walk • Car • Rail (Train, Tram, Subway) • Bus • Cycle • Skateboard/Scooter/Rollerblade • Boat • Other



18. How long does it usually take you to travel to school?

Answer to the nearest minute: _____ minutes

19. In the *last month*, how many times have you been bullied at school?
 (Being bullied means when someone does or says something to make you feel uncomfortable or afraid.) Choose one:

- 0 • 1 to 3 • 4 to 9 • 10 or more

20. Which of these methods do you most often use to communicate with your friends? Choose one:

- In person
- Telephone (landline)
- Cell phone
- Text Messaging
- E-mail
- Internet chat or MSN
- Myspace, Facebook, blog
- Other

 **21. How important are the following issues to you?** Use the sliders to mark the level of importance.

Not important *Very important*

- Reducing pollution |-----|
- Recycling our rubbish |-----|
- Conserving water |-----|
- Conserving energy (electricity, gas, oil, for heating, lighting, car travel) |-----|
- Owning a computer |-----|
- Access to the internet |-----|

22. If you had \$1,000 to donate to a charity of your choice, what type of organization would you choose? Choose one.

- Arts, culture, sports (e.g., community centres, museums, sports teams, music programs)
- Health (e.g., cancer, AIDS, diabetes research)
- Religious (e.g., church or activities related to worship)
- Environment (e.g., saving forests, clean air, clean water)
- Wildlife, animals (e.g., endangered species, prevention of cruelty to animals)
- Education / Youth development (e.g., reading, literacy and skills training, after-school programs)
- International aid (e.g., disaster relief, health, education and food aid in poor countries)
- Other

23. Think about someone you most look up to. This could be someone you know personally or have read about or seen on T.V. From the list below, choose the category that best describes this person.

- Relative
- Actor
- Sports person
- Coach or club leader
- Business person
- Religious figure
- Politician
- Teacher
- Doctor or nurse
- Musician or singer
- Friend
- Community leader or elder
- Other

24. How many people *usually* live in your household* (your home)?

If you live in more than one home, answer for the one in which you spend the most time.
_____ Don't forget to count yourself in!

* The term "household" is used in the Census of Canada to designate people who live together in the same home.

Note: The following 4 questions are about your home. If you live in more than one home, please answer for the one you chose in question 24.

25. Does your household participate in recycling?

Metal cans: Yes • No • Don't know

Plastic: Yes • No • Don't know

Paper: Yes • No • Don't know

26. Does your household separate any kitchen waste such as food scraps, coffee grinds, egg shells, etc. for composting? (These scraps can either be composted in your backyard or collected separately on garbage day.)

Yes • No • Don't know


27. Does your home have any energy saving compact fluorescent light bulbs? (These bulbs are often spiral shaped. They screw into regular sockets and can replace ordinary light bulbs.)

Yes • No • Don't know

28. What type of water do you primarily drink at home?

Tap water (provided by the municipality or from a well) • Bottled water • Other

Note: The following question can only be answered using the online questionnaire.

 **29. Test your memory. How quickly can you uncover all the pairs of pictures? Click on "Start" and then click on squares to uncover their pictures. Only pairs will remain uncovered. Keep clicking until you have uncovered all the pairs.**