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## 1970 British Cohort Study (BCS70) 2004 Survey

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Questionnaire for young people aged 10 – 16 years

Confidential

### HOW TO FILL IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer the questions by:

Ticking a box - like this

Or writing a number in a box - like this

Sometimes you will find an instruction telling you which question to answer next - like this

Yes

No

→ Go to question 99

Serial number + check letter

       

6001 - 007

Cohort member's first name

6008

Child No.

 

6009 - 010

Child's age (years)

 

6022 - 023

Interviewer number

     

6018 - 021

Barcode label

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Spare 6024 - 029



First, some questions about what people of your age do with their spare time.

1

On a normal school day, how many hours do you spend watching TV, including videos and DVDs? Remember to include time before and after school.

Q1

Tick one box

- None – I don't watch TV  6030  
1
- Less than an hour   
2
- 1 to 3 hours   
3
- 4 to 6 hours   
4
- 7 hours or more   
5

2

On a normal school day, how many hours do you spend playing computer games on your computer at home?

Q2

Tick one box

- Less than an hour  6031  
1
- 1 to 3 hours   
2
- 4 to 6 hours   
3
- 7 hours or more   
4
- None, I don't play computer games at home   
5
- I don't have a computer that I can use at home   
6

3

In the last month, how often have you read a book that was not something you had to read for school?

Tick one box

6032

Q3

Every day or most days

Two, three or four times a week

About once a week

Once or twice a month

Less often than that

Never

4

How often do you go to any of the activities listed below?

Tick one box on each line

	Every day	Most days	2 – 3 days a week	1 day a week	Less than once a week	Hardly ever/never
6033 Youth clubs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6034 Scouts / guides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6035 Sports clubs / lessons (outside of school time)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6036 Party / nightclub	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6037 Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q4a

Q4b

Q4c

Q4d

Q4e

5

When you have got free time, who do you usually spend it with?

Tick all the answers that apply to you

6038 - 043

Q5a

Mum or dad

Q5b

Brother(s) or sister(s)

Q5c

A boyfriend or girlfriend or partner

Q5d

One close friend

Q5e

A group of friends – boys and girls

Q5f

A group of friends the same sex as me

Q5g

No one, I like to spend time on my own

6

How much pocket money or spending money do you usually get **each week**? This includes any money you get from your parents or from other relatives. If you do not usually get any money, write 0 in both boxes.

6044 - 045

Q6a

I get

pounds and

6046 - 047

pence

Q6b

7

When you go out on your own, do your parents – mum or dad – ask you where you are going?

Tick one box

6048

Q7

Always

Nearly always

Sometimes

Hardly ever

Never

I never go out on my own

8

How often, if at all, do you help around the house?

Q8

Tick one box

6049

Every day or most days

Two, three or four times a week

About once a week

Once or twice a month

Less often than that

Never

9

How often do you talk to your mum about what you do at school?

Q9

Tick one box

6050

Two or more times a week

About once a week

Once or twice a month

Less often than that

Never

I don't have a mum or I don't see my mum very often

I don't go to school

10

How often do you talk to your mum about other things, like friends, going out and so on?

Q10

Tick one box

6051

Two or more times a week

About once a week

Once or twice a month

Less often than that

Never

I don't have a mum or I don't see my mum very often

11

How often do you talk to your dad about what you do at school?

Q11

Tick one box

6060

Two or more times a week

About once a week

Once or twice a month

Less often than that

Never

I don't have a dad or I don't see my dad very often

I don't go to school

12

How often do you talk to your dad about other things, like friends, going out and so on?

Q12

Tick one box

6061

Two or more times a week

About once a week

Once or twice a month

Less often than that

Never

I don't have a dad or I don't see my dad very often

13

How do you feel about your teachers? Read the sentences below and choose the one that best describes you.

Q13

Tick one box

6062

I like all or nearly all of my teachers

I like some of my teachers

I like one or two teachers

I don't like any of my teachers

Don't know

I don't go to school

14

How do you feel about the time you spend at school?  
Read the sentences below and choose the one that best describes you.

Tick one box

6063

Q14

I always or nearly always enjoy school

  
1

I sometimes enjoy school

  
2

I don't enjoy school very often

  
3

I never enjoy school

  
4

Don't know

  
5

I don't go to school

  
6

15

How important is it to you to get good marks in your schoolwork, tests or exams?

Tick one box

6064

Q15

Not at all important

  
1

Not very important

  
2

Fairly important

  
3

Very important

  
4

Don't know

  
5

I don't go to school

  
6



16

In the last year, how often have you skipped or bunked off school?

Q16

Tick one box

6065

Never  1

Once or twice  2

Three or four times  3

Five times or more  4

Don't know  5

I don't go to school  6

17

What do you want to do when you are 16 and can leave school?

Q17

Tick one box

6066

Get a job  1

Carry on studying  2

Get a job **and** study  3

Do something else  4

Don't know  5

I don't go to school  6

18

How likely do you think it is that you will go to university or college and study for a degree?

Q18

Tick one box

6067

Very likely  1

Fairly likely  2

Not very likely  3

Not at all likely  4

Don't know  5

Spare 6068 - 075

Now we have some questions about you and how you feel about yourself.

Each question describes two types of young people. For each question, we want you to choose which type of young person is most like you.

When you have decided which of the two types of young people is **most** like you, tick the box that says how **true** that description is for you: is it **really true** or **sort of true** for you?

For example, if you really don't like any sports then you should tick as shown below – you **don't like** sport and it is **really true** for you.

*These questions are taken from "The Perceived Competence Scale for Children", devised by Susan Harter. For further details refer to Child Development, Vol. 53, No. 1. (Feb. 1982), pp. 87-97. Also see 'BCS70pc 10to16Harterqs.doc' on the CLS website (~~maybe put link here~~).*

Which type of young person is most like you?

Some young people **like** sport

OR

Some young people **don't like** sport

Tick one box

Really true  
For me

Sort of true  
for me

Sort of true  
for me

Really true  
for me

 1 2 3 4

If you are not sure what to do, please ask the interviewer to show you.

Start with question 19 on the next page and tick one box for each question.

Which type of young person is most like you?

**19** Some young people **never worry** about whether they can do the school work given to them

OR

Some young people **worry** about whether they can do the school work given to them

Tick one box

Q19

Really true  
For me

Sort of true  
for me

Sort of true  
for me

Really true  
for me

6076  
  
1

2

3

4

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**20** Some young people are often **unhappy** with themselves

OR

Some young people are usually **pleased** with themselves

Tick one box

Q20

Really true  
for me

Sort of true  
for me

Sort of true  
for me

Really true  
for me

6077  
  
1

2

3

4

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**21** Some young people feel they are **as clever** as others their age

OR

Some young people feel they are **not as clever** as others their age

Tick one box

Q21

Really true  
for me

Sort of true  
for me

Sort of true  
for me

Really true  
for me

6078  
  
1

2

3

4

Which type of young person is most like you?

22

Some young people **don't like** the way they are leading their lives

OR

Some young people **like** the way they are leading their lives

Tick one box

Q22

Really true for me

Sort of true for me

Sort of true for me

Really true for me

6079

23

Some young people are **slow** to finish their school work

OR

Some young people do their school work **quickly**

Tick one box

Q23

Really true for me

Sort of true for me

Sort of true for me

Really true for me

6080

24

Some young people are usually **happy** with themselves

OR

Some young people are often **not happy** with themselves

Tick one box

Q24

Really true for me

Sort of true for me

Sort of true for me

Really true for me

6081

Which type of young person is most like you?

25

Some young people often **forget** what they learn

OR

Some young people usually **remember** what they learn easily

Tick one box

Q25

Really true for me

Sort of true for me

Sort of true for me

Really true for me

6082

  
1  
2  
3  
4

26

Some young people **like** the kind of **person** they are most of the time

OR

Some young people often wish they were **like someone else**

Tick one box

Q26

Really true for me

Sort of true for me

Sort of true for me

Really true for me

6083

  
1  
2  
3  
4

27

Some young people **do very well** at their school work

OR

Some young people **don't do very well** at their school work

Tick one box

Q27

Really true for me

Sort of true for me

Sort of true for me

Really true for me

6084

  
1  
2  
3  
4

Which type of young person is most like you?

**28** Some young people are **very happy** with the way they are

OR

Some young people **wish** they were **different** from the way they are

Tick one box

Q28

Really true for me

Sort of true for me

Sort of true for me

Really true for me

6085

  
1  
2  
3  
4

**29** Some young people have **trouble working out** the right answers in school

OR

Some young people can almost **always work out** the right answers

Tick one box

Q29

Really true for me

Sort of true for me

Sort of true for me

Really true for me

6086

  
1  
2  
3  
4

**30** Some young people **aren't very happy** with the way they do most things

OR

Some young people think the way they do most things is **fine**

Tick one box

Q30

Really true for me

Sort of true for me

Sort of true for me

Really true for me

6087

  
1  
2  
3  
4

Spare 6088 - 6095

31

This question is about smoking. Read the following sentences carefully and choose the one that best describes you.

Q31

Tick one box

6096

- I have never smoked cigarettes  1
- I have smoked cigarettes once or twice only  2
- I used to smoke cigarettes, but I don't now  3
- I sometimes smoke cigarettes, but I don't smoke every week  4
- I smoke cigarettes regularly, once a week or more  5

32

This question is about drinking alcohol. Read the following sentences carefully and choose the one that best describes you. Please include whole drinks, not just a sip.

Q32

Tick one box

6097

- I have never drunk alcohol  1
- I have drunk alcohol once or twice only  2
- I used to drink alcohol but I don't now  3
- I sometimes drink alcohol, but I don't drink alcohol every week  4
- I drink alcohol regularly, once a week or more  5

33

This question is about cannabis – this is also called lots of other things, for example marijuana, dope, hash, spliff, skunk or weed. Read the following sentences carefully and choose the one that best describes you.

Q33

Tick one box

6098

- I have never smoked cannabis  1
- I have smoked cannabis once or twice only  2
- I used to smoke cannabis, but I don't now  3
- I sometimes smoke cannabis, but I don't smoke every week  4
- I smoke cannabis regularly, once a week or more  5

34

This question is about inhaling or sniffing glue, gas, aerosols or solvents. Read the following sentences carefully and choose the one that best describes you.

Tick one box

6099

Q34

I have never sniffed glue, gas, aerosols or solvents

I have sniffed glue, gas, aerosols or solvents once or twice only

I used to sniff glue, gas, aerosols or solvents, but I don't now

I sometimes sniff glue, gas, aerosols or solvents, but I don't do it every week

I sniff glue, gas, aerosols or solvents regularly, once a week or more

35

Have you ever stolen something from a shop, supermarket or department store?

6100

Q35

Yes

No

36

Have you ever been picked on or bullied by another school pupil?

6101

Q36

Yes

No

37

Have you ever picked on or bullied another school pupil, either by yourself or with someone else?

6102

Q37

Yes

No

Spare 6103 - 6120



**Thank you very much for taking the time to answer our questions. Please put your questionnaire in the envelope provided. If the interviewer is still in your home, give the envelope to them. If not, please post it back as soon as possible. All your answers will remain confidential. Please call Freephone 0500 600 616 if you have any queries.**