



# UNDERSTANDING OUR LIVES

MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT

2021–2022 **SURVEY OF GRADE 4 & 5 STUDENTS** 

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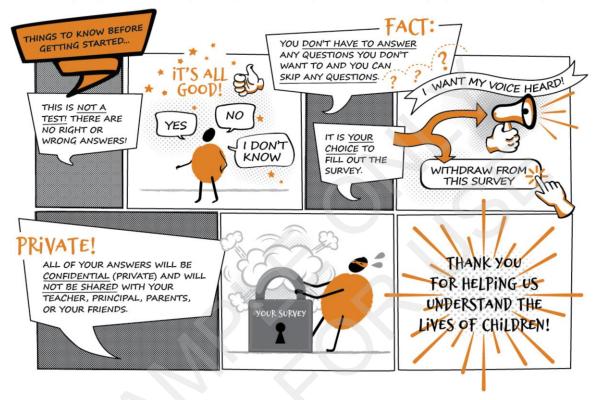


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# STUDENT ASSENT SCRIPT

#### Understanding Our Lives: The Middle Years Development Instrument Survey

We would like to learn more about the lives of school children in Canada, and the best way to do that is to ask YOU about your life in school and outside of school. It has been a long time since we were your age, so we need you to be our "teachers", so that we can learn more about the lives of children today. To learn about children your age, we would like to ask you some questions about how you think and feel about things in your life and about what you like to do.



### Here are some things to know before getting started:

- 1. This is **not** a **test!** There are **no right or wrong answers.** Some people think or feel one thing and other people think or feel something else. We want to know what *you* think and how *you* feel. Your answers are VERY IMPORTANT and will help improve activities and programs for children your age.
- 2. It is **your choice** to fill out the survey. You can choose not to fill out the survey at any time before, during or after your survey is finished and you will not get in trouble or lose marks. You don't have to answer any questions you don't want to and you can skip any questions. You can withdraw from the survey at any time by clicking on the "Withdraw from this survey" button on the bottom of every page.
- 3. It is important for you to know that ALL OF YOUR ANSWERS that you put in this survey will be **confidential (private)** and will **not** be shared with your teacher, principal, parents, or your friends.

Please answer each question the best you can.

Thank you for your help!





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# 3% complete Quick review before you start (check the boxes to confirm): ☐ I understand this survey does not count for school marks ☐ I understand I can stop doing the survey at any time ☐ I understand I can skip a question ☐ I understand this is confidential (private) 6% complete School Home Are you doing this survey from: Previous Next Withdraw from this survey



# Please tell us a little bit about yourself

1. What is your birth date?	Day V Month V Year V	4
2. Which of these adults do you live with most of the time? (Check all adults you live with.)	Mother   Father   Stepfather   Stepmother   Grandmother   Grandfather   Two mothers   Two fathers   Part time with each parent   Foster parent(s) or caregiver(s)   ✓ Other adults	•
3. How many brothers and sisters do you have?	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 or more  O O O O O O O O	4
4. How do you describe your gender?  You can check more than one box if you want to.  If you do not want to answer, please go to the next page.	□ Boy □ Girl ☑ In another way	4
The way I describe my gender is		4

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All of your family members might not be First Nations, Métis or Inuit but maybe some of them are.

We want to know about YOU.

Are you First Nations, Métis or Inuit?

If so, please answer YES.

5. Are you First Nations, Métis or Inuit?	No Yes Part  O  O	4
Which do you identify as?	<ul><li>✓ First Nations</li><li>✓ Métis</li><li>☐ Inuit</li></ul>	4
Please share your First Nation(s), Métis or Inuit community/communities here:		•
6. What is the first language you learned at home? (You can check more than one if you need to.)	<ul> <li>✓ First Nations, Métis or Inuit language</li> <li>□ English</li> <li>□ Cantonese</li> <li>□ Filipino/Tagalog</li> <li>□ French</li> <li>□ Hindi</li> <li>□ Japanese</li> <li>□ Korean</li> <li>□ Mandarin</li> <li>□ Punjabi</li> <li>□ Spanish</li> <li>□ Vietnamese</li> <li>✔ Other</li> </ul>	4
Which First Nations, Métis or Inuit language?		4
Other:		4



7. Which language(s)	✓ First Nations, Métis or Inuit language	4
do you <u>speak</u> at	English	
home? (You can check	✓ Cantonese	
more than one if you need to.)	☐ Filipino/Tagalog	
need to.)	☐ French	
	☐ Hindi	
	Japanese	
	☐ Korean	
	☐ Mandarin	
	☐ Punjabi	
	☐ Spanish	
	☐ Vietnamese	
	✓ Other	
Which First Nations, Métis or Inuit language?		•
Other:		4
8. How difficult is it for you to read in English?	Very hard Hard Easy Very easy	4
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# INSTRUCTIONS AND SAMPLE QUESTIONS

If you do not understand a question, please raise your hand and ask for help.

Make sure you understand the question and the answer options before you answer.

Here are sample questions for practice.

These questions ask you how much you agree or disagree with the statement.

I like to eat carrots.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4
I don't like to eat pizza.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4

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# Lets start now!

Remember, there are no right or wrong answers!

1. I feel sorry for other kids who don't have the things that I have.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
2. When I see someone being treated mean it bothers me.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
3. I am a person who cares about the feelings of others.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
4. I have more good times than bad times.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
5. I believe more good things than bad things will happen to me.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	

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6. I start most days thinking I will have a good day.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
7. In general, I like being the way I am.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
8. Overall, I have a lot to be proud of.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
9. A lot of things about me are good.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	

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10. I feel unhappy a lot of the time.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
11. I feel upset about things.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
12. I feel that I do things wrong a lot.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
13. I worry about what other kids might be saying about me.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
14. I worry a lot that other people might not like me.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
15. I worry about being teased.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	

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16. In most ways my life is close to the way I would want it to be.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
17. The things in my life are excellent.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
18. I am happy with my life.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
19. So far I have gotten the important things I want in life.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
20. If I could live my life over, I would have it the same way.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot

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# Since the start of this school year, how often did you do this?

21. I cheered someone up who was feeling sad.	Not at all this school year	Once or a few times	About every month	About every week	Many times a week	
				0	0	
22. I helped someone who was being picked on.	Not at all this school year	Once or a few times	About every month	About every week	Many times a week	
23. I helped someone who was hurt.	Not at all this school year	Once or a few times	About every month	About every week	Many times a week	

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24. Are there any adults who are <b>IMPORTANT TO YOU</b> at your <b>school</b> ?
No Yes  or only  if you answered 'Yes' to the question above, we would like you to put in the initial (the first letter in the person's first OR last name) for ALL of the adults who are important to you at your school. For example, if your teacher's name is Mr. Reed, you can just type an 'R' in the space, or if your supervision aide's name is Jane, you can just type in the letter 'J' in the space. You do not have to fill in all six spaces.
Person 1
Person 2
Person 3
Person 4
Person 5
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## How true is each statement for you?

# At my school, there is a teacher or another adult...

25. ... who really cares

A Pretty Very
all little much much
about me.

Not at A Pretty Very
all little true true true

26. ... who believes that I Not at all little much much true true true true

27. ... who listens to me when I have something to say.

Not at all little much much true true true true true

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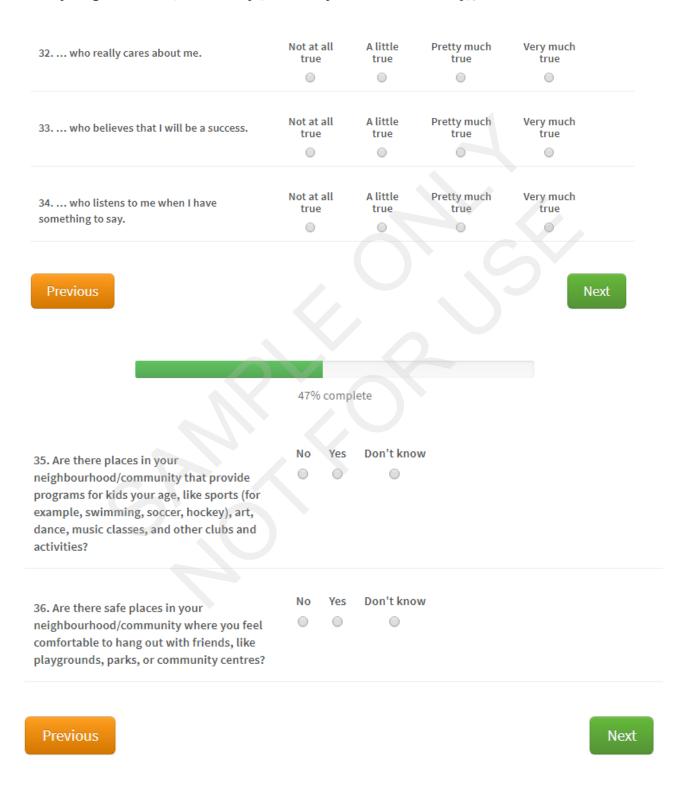
The next four questions are about your parents (or guardians) or other adults who live in your home. Parents can be biological parents, adoptive parents, step-parents, same-sex parents, or foster parents.

In my home, there is a parent or another adult...

28 who believes that I will be a success.	Not at all true	A little true	Pretty much true	Very much true	
29 who listens to me when I have something to say.	Not at all true	A little true	Pretty much true	Very much true	
30 who I can talk to about my problems.	Not at all true	A little true	Pretty much true	Very much true	
31. I care about what my parents (or guardians) think of me.	Not at all true	A little true	Pretty much true	Very much true	

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### In my neighbourhood/community (not from your school or family), there is an adult...



# Please answer the following questions about you and <u>your friend(s)</u> and <u>your school.</u>

37. I feel part of a group of friends that do things together.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
38. I feel that I usually fit in with other kids around me.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
39. When I am with other kids my age, I feel I belong.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
40. I have at least one really good friend I can talk to when something is bothering me.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
41. I have a friend I can tell everything to.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
42. There is somebody my age who really understands me.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	

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43. I am certain I can learn the skills taught in school this year.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
44. If I have enough time, I can do a good job on all my school work.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
45. Even if the work in school is hard, I can learn it.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	

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46. Teachers and students treat each other with respect in this school.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
47. People care about each other in this school.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
48. Students in this school help each other, even if they are not friends.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
49. I feel like I belong in this school.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
50. I feel like I am important to this school.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
51. When I grow up, I have goals and plans for the future.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	

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# 52. How important is it to you to do the following in school:

a) Make friends?	Not important at all	Not very important	Somewhat important	Very important
b) Get good grades?	Not important at all	Not very important	Somewhat important	Very important
c) Learn new things?	Not important at all	Not very important	Somewhat important	Very important

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Important definition: <u>Bully</u> - There are a lot of different ways to bully someone, but a bully has some advantage (stronger, more popular, or something else), wants to hurt the other person (it's not an accident), and does so repeatedly (over and over again) and unfairly. Sometimes a group of students will bully another student.

The next four questions might make you feel uncomfortable, but it is important for us to know. Please answer the questions honestly.

This school year, how often have you been bullied by other students in the following ways?

53. Physical bullying (for example, someone hit, shoved, or kicked you, spat at you, beat you up, or damaged or took your things without permission).	Not at all this school year	Once or a few times	About every month	About every week	Many times a week	
54. Verbal bullying (for example, someone called you names, teased, embarrassed, threatened you, or made you do things you didn't want to do).	Not at all this school year	Once or a few times	About every month	About every week	Many times a week	
55. Social bullying (for example, someone left you out, excluded you, gossiped and spread rumors about you, or made you look foolish).	Not at all this school year	Once or a few times	About every month	About every week	Many times a week	
56. <u>Cyberbullying</u> (for example, someone used the computer or text messages to exclude, threaten, embarrass you, or to hurt your feelings).	Not at all this school year	Once or a few times	About every month	About every week	Many times a week	

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The next questions ask about your health. Sometimes children your age may feel that these kinds of questions are uncomfortable to answer. Remember you are helping us to learn more about the health of children your age in Canada.

57. In general, how would you describe your health?	Poor Fair Good Excellent  O O O	4
58. Who would you talk to if you were feeling sad, stressed, or worried? (Check ALL that are true for you)	<ul> <li>An adult at school (for example, a teacher, school counselor or another adult at school)</li> <li>A family member (for example, a parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, older sibling or cousin, or another adult that lives with me)</li> <li>An adult in my community (for example, a coach, an elder, after-school program staff, or another adult in my community)</li> <li>A health professional (for example, a doctor, nurse, or a counselor)</li> <li>My friend(s)</li> <li>I would not know who to talk to</li> <li>I would prefer to handle it on my own</li> <li>✓ I would talk to someone else (someone not on this list)</li> </ul>	•
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59. a) How do you usually get TO school:	Car	School bus	Public transportation (public bus, train or ferry)	Walk	Cycle, skateboard, scooter, or rollerblade	Something else	4
	0	0	0	0	0	•	
59. b) How do you usually get home FROM school:	Car	School bus	Public transportation (public bus, train or ferry)	Walk	Cycle, skateboard, scooter, or rollerblade	Something else	4
	$\circ$	0	0	0	0		
60. If you could choose, how would you WISH to get TO	Car	School bus	Public transportation (public bus, train or ferry)	Walk	Cycle, skateboard, scooter, or rollerblade	Something else	4
and FROM school?	0	0	0	0	0		

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61. How often do you eat breakfast?	Never	Once a week	times a week	3 times a week	times a week	5 times a week	6 times a week	Every day
62. How often do your parents or other adult family members eat meals with you?	Never	Once a week	2 times a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week	6 times a week	Every day
63. How often do you eat food like pop, candy, potato chips, or something else?	Never	Once a week	2 times a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week	6 times a week	Every day
64. How often do you get a good night's sleep?	Never	Once a week	2 times a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week	6 times a week	Every day
65. What time do you usually go to bed during the weekdays?	Before 9:00pm	Betw 9:00 an 10:00	pm 1 d	etween 0:00pm and 1:00pm	Betwee 11:00pi and midnig	m 12:0	After 0am/mic	Inight

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### **ABOUT MY AFTER SCHOOL TIME**

66. On <u>school days</u>, who are you usually with for <u>most</u> of the time from <u>after school to dinner time</u> (about 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm)? (Please check <u>all</u> of the people you are with after school.)

☐ By myself	4
☐ Friend(s) about my age	
☐ Mother (or stepmother, foster mother)	
☐ Father (or stepfather, foster father)	
☐ Younger brothers/sisters	
Older brothers/sisters	
☐ Grandparent(s)	
Other adult(s) (for example, elder, aunt or uncle, coach, babysitter)	
✓ Other	

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### 67. How many days a week do you go to these places from <u>after school to dinner time</u> (about 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm)?

a) I go home.	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every day)
b) I stay at school to participate in after school activities (for example, sports, tutoring, clubs).	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every day)
c) I go to an after school program/daycare (in my school or someplace else).	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	times a week	times a week	5 times a week (every day)
	0	0		0	0	
d) I go to a friend's house.	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every day)
e) I go to a park, playground, or community centre.	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every day)
f) I hang out at the mall or stores.	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every day)
g) I go someplace else, for example, a family member's home, or other places.	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every day)

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The next questions are about activities that are <u>organized</u>. That is, the questions are about activities that are planned and supervised by a teacher, instructor, adult, coach or volunteer.

We would like to know what you did after school last week.

68. During last week from after school to dinner time (about 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm), how many days did you participate in:

a) Educational lessons or activities (for example, tutoring, math, language school, or something else)?	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every day)	
b) Art or music lessons (for example, drawing, painting, playing a musical instrument, or something else)?	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every day)	
c) Youth organizations (for example, Scouts, Girl Guides, Boys and Girls Clubs, After School Care, or something else)?	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every day)	
d) Individual sports with a coach or instructor (for example, swimming, dance, gymnastics, tennis, skating, or something else)?	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every day)	
e) Team sports with a coach or instructor (for example, basketball, hockey, soccer, football, or something else)?	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every day)	

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The next questions ask you about other activities that you might do after school. That is, these questions are about activities that are not planned and usually not supervised by a teacher, instructor, adult, coach, or volunteer.

69. During last week from after school to dinner time (about 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm), how much time did you spend doing the following activities on a normal day?

1-2

hours

more

hours

a) sports and/or exercise for fun (for example, playing	I did not do this activity	Less than 30 minutes	30 minutes to 1 hour
outside, biking, skating,			
sledding, shooting			
hoops, swimming, yoga,			
dancing, or something			
else)?			

this activity than 30 minutes to 1 hours hours  Less than 30 minutes hours  1-2 more hours  1-2 hours hours  1-2 more hours	else)?					
C) watch TV, Netflix,  YouTube, streaming this activity minutes activity minutes hour   I did Less 30 2 or minutes 1-2 more than 30 to 1 hours hours	b) do homework?	not do this	than 30	minutes to 1		more
ouTube, streaming this minutes 1-2 more hours hours hours		0		0		
	c) watch TV, Netflix, YouTube, streaming videos, or something else?	not do this	than 30	minutes to 1	hours	more hours
	d) play video or computer games (for example, Play Station,	I did not do this activity	Less than 30 minutes	30 minutes to 1 hour	1-2 hours	2 or more hours

example, Play Station, Wii, Xbox, multiuser

online games, or something else)?

e) read for fun?	I did not do this activity	Less than 30 minutes	30 minutes to 1 hour	1-2 hours	2 or more hours	
f) practice a musical instrument (for example, drums, clarinet, violin, or something else)?	I did not do this activity	Less than 30 minutes	30 minutes to 1 hour	1-2 hours	2 or more hours	
g) do arts & crafts (for example, painting, drawing, or something else)?	I did not do this activity	Less than 30 minutes	30 minutes to 1 hour	1-2 hours	2 or more hours	
h) hang out with friends in person?	I did not do this activity	Less than 30 minutes	30 minutes to 1 hour	1-2 hours	2 or more hours	
i) hang out with friends on the phone, tablet or computer?	I did not do this activity	Less than 30 minutes	30 minutes to 1 hour	1-2 hours	2 or more hours	

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70. Think about what you	want to do on SCHOOL DAYS from <u>after school to dinner time</u> (abo	ut 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm). 🦽
	<ul> <li>I am already doing the activities I want to be doing.</li> </ul>	•
	✓ I wish I could do additional activities.	
Please list <u>one</u> activity you wish you could do:		•
Where would you like this activity to be?	<ul><li>□ School</li><li>□ Home</li><li>□ Park or playground</li><li>□ Community centre</li></ul>	•
	<b>✓</b> Other	
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94% complete	
71. What stops you from participating in the activities that you want things that stop you.)	to participate in after school? (Check all of the 🤳
☐ Nothing stops me.	4
☐ I have to go straight home after school	
It is too difficult to get there.	
☐ The activity that I want is not offered.	
The schedule does not fit the times that attend.	at I can
☐ It's not safe for me to go.	
☐ I have too much homework to do.	
☐ My parents do not approve.	
☐ It costs too much.	
I need to take care of brothers or sister other things at home.	rs or do
<ul><li>I am afraid I will not be good enough in activity.</li></ul>	that
☐ I'm too busy.	
☐ I don't know what is available.	
☐ None of my friends are interested or w.	ant to
go.	
<b>☑</b> Other	
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# These questions ask you how much you agree or disagree with the statement. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers.

72. When I'm sad, I can usually start doing something that will make me feel better.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
73. After I'm interrupted or distracted, I can easily continue working where I left off.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
74. I can calm myself down when I'm excited or upset.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
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75. If something isn't going according to my plans, I change my actions to try and reach my goal.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
76. When I have a serious disagreement with someone, I can talk calmly about it without losing control.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
77. I work carefully when I know something will be tricky.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
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#### **Help for Students**

Thank you for taking the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) survey. Some of the questions on this survey may have made you think of problems you are having, maybe with other students.

#### Below is an option to ask for help.

Clicking the first box below will send a private message to your teacher or principal who will follow up with you. If you would prefer not to talk to your teacher or principal, consider talking to a family member or your school counsellor. It is important for adults to know what's going on so that they can help you or other students who may be having trouble. You can also call the Kids HELP phone at 1-800-668-6868 or text CONNECT to 686868.

Would you like to talk to your teacher or principal about a problem you are having?

Yes, I would like to talk to my teacher or principal about a problem I am having

No, I do not need to talk to