

UNDERSTANDING OUR LIVES

MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT

2023–2024 SURVEY OF GRADE 4 & 5 STUDENTS

BRITISH COLUMBIA
INSTRUCTIONAL SURVEY

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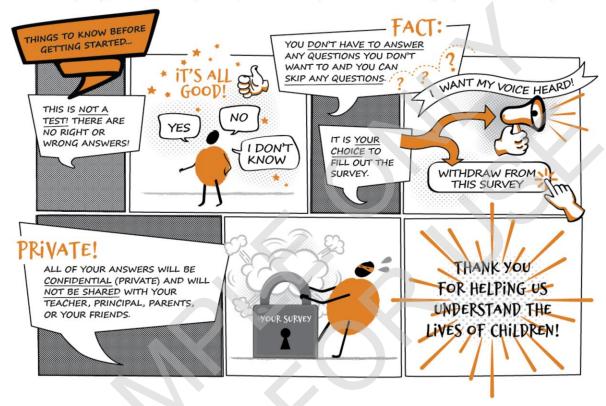
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STUDENT ASSENT SCRIPT

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!

HUMAN EARLY LEARNING PARTNERSHIP







6% complete Please tell us a little bit about yourself 1. What is your birth date? Month One parent 2. Which of these adults do you live with most of the time? (Check all adults you live ☐ Two parents with.) ☐ Part time with each parent ☐ Step-parent(s) ☐ Grandparent(s) ☐ Foster parent(s) or caregiver(s) Other adults 3. How many siblings (brothers and sisters) do you have? Boy 4. How do you describe your gender? Girl You can check more than one box if you ✓ Non-binary want to. In another way If you do not want to answer, please go to the next page. The way I describe my gender is... **Previous** Next

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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 O
Which do you identify as?	✓ First Nations✓ Métis☐ Inuit
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.)	 ✓ First Nations, Métis or Inuit language ☐ English ☐ Cantonese ☐ Filipino/Tagalog ☐ French ☐ Hindi ☐ Japanese ☐ Korean ☐ Mandarin ☐ Punjabi ☐ Spanish ☐ Vietnamese ✔ Other
Which First Nations, Métis or Inuit language?	
Other:	•



7. Which language(s)	✓ First Nations, Métis or Inuit language	
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	Very hard Hard Easy Very easy	4
for you to read in		
English?		
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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	
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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Are there any adults who are IMPORTANT TO YOU at your school?	24. Are there an
Yes o Yes u answered 'Yes' to the question above, we would like you to put in the initial (the first letter in the person's first OR name) for ALL of the adults who are important to you at your school . For example, if your teacher's name is Mr. Reed, 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 ce. You do not have to fill in all six spaces.	If you answered last name) for A you can just typ
son 1	Person 1
son 2	Person 2
son 3	Person 3
son 4	Person 4
son 5	Person 5
son 6	Person 6
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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 about me.

Not at all true A little true Pretty much true Very much true

26. ... who believes that I will be a success.

Not at all true A little true Pretty much true Very much true

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

Not at all true A little true

Pretty much true Very much 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, samesex parents, or foster parents.

In my <u>home</u> , there is	s a parent	or anot	her 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	4
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In my neighbourhood/community (not from your school or family), there is an adult...

31 who really cares about me.	Not at all true	A little true	Pretty much true	Very much true	4
32 who believes that I will be a success.	Not at all true	A little true	Pretty much true	Very much true	4
33 who listens to me when I have something to say.	Not at all true	A little true	Pretty much true	Very much true	4

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Please answer the following questions about you and your friend(s) and your school.

34. 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	4
35. 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	4
36. 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	4
37. 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	4
38. 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	4
39. 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	4

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40. 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		4
41. 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		4
42. 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	5	4

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43. Teachers and students treat each other with respect in	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4
this school.	0	0	0	0	0	
44. People care about each other in this	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4
school.	0	\circ	0	0	0	
45. Students in this	Disagree	Disagree	Don't agree or	Agree	Agree	4
school help each	a lot	a little	disagree	little	a lot	
other, even if they are not friends.	0	0	0	0	0	
46. I feel like I belong	Disagree	Disagree	Don't	Agree	Agree	4
in this school.	a lot	a little	agree or disagree	a little	a lot	
	0	0	0	0	\circ	
47. I feel like I am	Disagree	Disagree	Don't agree or	Agree a	Agree	4
important to this school.	a lot	a little	disagree	little	a lot	
SCHOOL,	0	0	0	0	0	
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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?

48. 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	
49. 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	
50. 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	
51. <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.

52. In general, how would you describe your health?	Poor Fair Good Excellent		4
53. Who would you talk to if you were feeling sad, stressed, or worried? (Check ALL that are true for you)	 □ An adult at school (for example, a teacher, school counselor or another adult at school) □ A family member (for example, a parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, older sibling or cousin, or another adult that lives with me) □ An adult in my community (for example, a coach, an elder, after-school program staff, or another adult in my community) □ A health professional (for example, a doctor, nurse, or a counselor) □ My friend(s) □ I would not know who to talk to □ I would prefer to handle it on my own □ I would talk to someone else (someone not on this list) 		•
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54. b) How do you School transportation well, skateboard, Something	O	O	scooter, o	0	(public bus, train or ferry)	School	Car	54. a) How do you usually get TO school:
54. b) How do you School transportation walk skateboard, Something			0	0	0	0	0	
usually get home bus (public bus, scooter, or else train or ferry) rollerblade	skateboard, Something scooter, or else	teboard, So ooter, or	skateboar scooter, o	Walk	transportation (public bus,		Car	usually get home
0 0 0 0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
55. If you could choose, how would you WISH to get TO and FROM school? Public transportation (public bus, train or ferry) Public transportation (public bus, train or ferry) Walk skateboard, scooter, or rollerblade	skateboard, Something scooter, or else	teboard, So oter, or	skateboar scooter, o	Walk	transportation (public bus,		Car	choose, how would you WISH to get TO

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56. 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	4
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
57. How often do your parents or other adult family members eat	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	4
meals with you?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
58. How often do you eat food like pop, candy, potato chips,	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	4
or something else?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
59. How often do you get a good night's sleep?	Never	Once a week	times a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week	times a week	Every day	4
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
60. What time do you usually wake up during the weekdays?	Before 6:00am	6:0	tween Doam and Doam	Betwee 7:00a and 8:00a	m 8	After :00am			4
61. What time do you usually go to bed during the weekdays?	Before 9:00pm	Betw 9:00 an 10:00	pm 10 d)pm 11	etween 0:00pm and 1:00pm	Betwee 11:00pi and midnigl	m 12:0	After Oam/mic	dnight	4
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62. On school days, how often do you go to these places after school?

a) I go home.	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every school day)	
	0	0	0				
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 school day)	
c) I go to an after school program/daycare (in my school or someplace else).	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every school day)	
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 school day)	
d) I go to a friend's house. e) I go to a library.		a week	a week	times a week	times a week	week (every school day)	
	Never	a week Once a week	Twice a week	times a week	times a week	week (every school day) 5 times a week (every school 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.

63. In a normal week, outside of school hours, how often did you spend time doing the following activities:

a) Educational lessons or activities (for example, tutoring, math, language school, or something else)?	Never	day	days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day	4
b) Art or music lessons (for example, drawing, painting, playing a musical instrument, or something else)?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day	4
c) Youth organizations (for example, Scouts, Girl Guides, Boys and Girls Clubs, After School Care, or something else)?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day	4
d) Individual sports with a coach or instructor (for example, swimming, dance, gymnastics, tennis, skating, or something else)?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day	4
e) Team sports with a coach or instructor (for example, basketball, hockey, soccer, football, or something else)?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day	4

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The next questions ask you about other activities you might do outside of school.

64. In a normal week, outside of school hours, how often did you spend time doing the following activities:

a) sports and/or	Never
exercise for fun (for	
example, biking,	0
skating, swimming, or	
something else)?	

lever	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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b)	 do	homework?

Never	1 day	2 days	3 days		5 days		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Never	1	2	3	4	5	6	Every
	day	days	days	days	days	days	day
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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ever	1	2	3	4	5	6	Every
	day	days	days	days	days	days	day
0	0	0	0	0	0		0

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e) play outside at a
park, playground or in
the neighbourhood?

er	1	2	3	4	5	6	Every
	day	days	days	days	days	days	day
)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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6	Every
days	day

Every

day

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i) religious,
spiritual or faith-
based activities?

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g)	cultural	
activ	ities?	

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Physical activity is any activity that increases your heart rate and makes you out of breath some of the time.

Physical activity can be done in sports, school activities, playing with friends, or walking to school. Some examples of physical activity are running, fast walking, skating, biking, dancing, skateboarding, swimming, soccer, and basketball.

Let's try to add up all the time you spend in physical activity each day:

65. In a normal week, how many days are you physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes or one hour per day?

Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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The next questions ask how many hours in a day you do an activity, rather than how many days a week. 66. In a normal week, how many hours per day do you... 5 I do Less a) ...sit and watch TV, not do than 1 to 2 2 to 3 3 to 4 4 to 5 hours movies, or videos, this 1 hours hours hours hours or activity hour more including YouTube? 0 0 0 0 0 I do Less 5 b) ... play video or not do than 1 to 2 2 to 3 3 to 4 4 to 5 hours computer games? this hours hours hours hours 1 or activity hour more 0 0 0 0 I do Less 5 c) ... hang out with not do than 1 to 2 2 to 3 3 to 4 4 to 5 hours friends on the phone, this hours hours hours hours 1 or activity hour more tablet or computer (for example, video 0 0 call, text messaging)?

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67. Think about activities you want to do outside of school.

	 I am already doing the activities I want to be doing.
	✓ I wish I could do additional activities.
What activities do you wish you could do? (Check all the	 Sports and/or outdoor activities (for example, basketball, swimming, hockey, skating, dancing, gymnastics, hiking, biking)
activities you wish	☐ Playing and/or hanging out with friends
you could do).	 Music and arts (for example, playing a musical instrument, singing, drawing, painting, theatre, arts and crafts classes, baking, pottery)
	☐ Playing on a computer/tablet, playing video games, or watching TV
	Learning new things (for example, learning a new language, coding, reading, math, chess, programming)
	☐ Time with family at home
	☐ Free time or relaxing
	✓ Other
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These questions ask you how much you agree or disagree with the stat	ement.
Remember, there are no right or wrong answers.	

68. 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	4
69. 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	4
70. 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	4

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71. Are you concerned about the following environmental issues?

a) Climate change (for example, global warming).	No, not at all	Yes, a little	Yes, somewhat	Yes, quite a bit	Yes, very much	
b) Species extinction (when an entire type of animal dies out).	No, not at all	Yes, a little	Yes, somewhat	Yes, quite a bit	Yes, very much	
c) Deforestation (cutting down too much forest).	No, not at all	Yes, a little	Yes, somewhat	Yes, quite a bit	Yes, very much	
d) Pollution (for example, garbage, ocean plastic).	No, not at all	Yes, a little	Yes, somewhat	Yes, quite a bit	Yes, very much	

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Withdraw from this survey

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 someone

