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Directions

In this booklet, you will find questions about yourself. Some questions ask for facts while other questions ask for your opinion.

Each question is followed by a number of answers. Shade in the circle next to or under the answer of your choice as shown in Examples 1, 2, and 3.

Example 1

Do you go to school?

Fill one circle only.

Yes --

No --

Example 2

How often do you do these things?

Fill one circle for each line.

	Every day or almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Never or almost never
a) I talk with my friends	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I play sports	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I ride a skateboard	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Example 3

What do you think? Tell how much you agree with these statements.

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) Watching movies is fun	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I like eating ice cream	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I do not like waking up early	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I enjoy doing chores	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

- Read each question carefully, and pick the answer you think is best.
- Fill in the circle next to or under your answer.
- If you decide to change your answer, draw an **X** through your first answer, like this: . Then, fill in the circle next to or under your new answer.
- Ask for help if you do not understand something or are not sure how to answer.

About you

1

Are you a girl or a boy?

Fill one circle only.

Girl --

Boy --

2

When were you born?

Fill the circles next to the month and year you were born.

a) Month

January --

February --

March --

April --

May --

June --

July --

August --

September --

October --

November --

December --

b) Year

1997 --

1998 --

1999 --

2000 --

2001 --

2002 --

2003 --

2004 --

2005 --

Other --

3

How often do you speak <language of test> at home?

Fill one circle only.

Always --

Almost always --

Sometimes --

Never --

4

About how many books are there in your home? (Do not count magazines, newspapers, or your school books.)

Fill one circle only.

None or very few
(0–10 books) --

Enough to fill one shelf
(11–25 books) --

Enough to fill one bookcase
(26–100 books) --

Enough to fill two bookcases
(101–200 books) --

Enough to fill three or more bookcases
(more than 200) --

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How many digital information devices are there in your home? Count computers, tablets, smartphones, smart TVs, and e-readers. (Do not count other devices.)

Fill **one** circle only.

- None --
- 1-3 devices --
- 4-6 devices --
- 7-10 devices --
- More than 10 devices --

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Do you have any of these things at your home?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

- | | Yes | No |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | ↓ | ↓ |
| a) A computer or tablet of your own --- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) A computer or tablet that is shared with other people at home ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) Study desk/table for your use ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d) Your own room----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e) Internet connection ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f) Your own mobile phone ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g) A gaming system (e.g., PlayStation®, Wii®, Xbox®)-- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| h) <country-specific indicator of wealth> ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| i) <country-specific indicator of wealth> ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| j) <country-specific indicator of wealth> ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| k) <country-specific indicator of wealth> ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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A. What is the highest level of education completed by your mother (or stepmother or female guardian)?

Fill one circle only.

- Some <Primary education— ISCED Level 1 or
Lower secondary education—ISCED Level 2>
or did not go to school --
- <Lower secondary education—ISCED Level 2> --
- <Upper secondary education—ISCED Level 3> --
- <Post-secondary, non-tertiary
education—ISCED Level 4> --
- <Short-cycle tertiary education—ISCED Level 5> --
- <Bachelor's or equivalent level—ISCED Level 6> --
- <Postgraduate degree: Master's—ISCED
Level 7 or Doctor—ISCED Level 8> --
- I don't know --

B. What is the highest level of education completed by your father (or stepfather or male guardian)?

Fill one circle only.

- Some <Primary education— ISCED Level 1 or
Lower secondary education—ISCED Level 2>
or did not go to school --
- <Lower secondary education—ISCED Level 2> --
- <Upper secondary education—ISCED Level 3> --
- <Post-secondary, non-tertiary
education—ISCED Level 4> --
- <Short-cycle tertiary education—ISCED Level 5> --
- <Bachelor's or equivalent level—ISCED Level 6> --
- <Postgraduate degree: Master's—ISCED
Level 7 or Doctor—ISCED Level 8> --
- I don't know --

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How far in your education do you expect to go?

Fill one circle only.

Finish <Lower secondary
education—ISCED Level 2>

Finish <Upper secondary
education—ISCED Level 3>

Finish <Post-secondary, non-tertiary
education—ISCED Level 4>

Finish <Short-cycle tertiary
education—ISCED Level 5>

Finish <Bachelor's or equivalent
level—ISCED Level 6>

Finish <Postgraduate degree:
Master's—ISCED Level 7 or
Doctor—ISCED Level 8>

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A. Was your mother (or stepmother or female guardian) born in <country>?

Fill one circle only.

Yes --

No --

I don't know --

B. Was your father (or stepfather or male guardian) born in <country>?

Fill one circle only.

Yes --

No --

I don't know --

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A. Were you born in <country>?

Fill one circle only.

Yes -- 

(If Yes, go to #11)

No --

If No,

B. If you were not born in <country>, how old were you when you came to <country>?

Fill one circle only.

Older than 10 years old --

5 to 10 years old --

Younger than 5 years old --

11

About how often are you absent from school?

Fill one circle only.

Once a week or more --

Once every two weeks --

Once a month --

Never or almost never --

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How often do you eat breakfast on school days?

Fill one circle only.

Every day --

Most days --

Sometimes --

Never or almost never --

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How often do you use a computer or tablet in each of these places for schoolwork (including classroom tasks, homework, studying outside of class)?

Fill one circle for each line.

	Every day or almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Never or almost never
a) At home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) At school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Some other place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Do you use the Internet to do any of the following tasks for schoolwork (including classroom tasks, homework, studying outside of class)?

*Fill **one** circle for each line.*

- | | Yes | No |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) Access the textbook or other course materials | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) Access assignments posted online by my teacher | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) Collaborate with classmates on assignments or projects | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d) Communicate with the teacher | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e) Find information, articles, or tutorials to aid in understanding mathematics | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f) Find information, articles, or tutorials to aid in understanding science | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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What do you think about your school? Tell how much you agree with these statements.

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I like being in school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I feel safe when I am at school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I feel like I belong at this school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I like to see my classmates at school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) Teachers at my school are fair to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) I am proud to go to this school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) I learn a lot in school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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During this school year, how often have other students from your school done any of the following things to you (including through texting or the Internet)?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	At least once a week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Never
a) Made fun of me or called me names	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Left me out of their games or activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Spread lies about me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Stole something from me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) Hit or hurt me (e.g., shoving, hitting, kicking)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) Made me do things I didn't want to do	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) Shared embarrassing information about me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) Posted embarrassing things about me online	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i) Threatened me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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How much do you agree with these statements about learning mathematics?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I enjoy learning mathematics -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I wish I did not have to study mathematics -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Mathematics is boring -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I learn many interesting things in mathematics -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I like mathematics -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) I like any schoolwork that involves numbers -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) I like to solve mathematics problems -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) I look forward to mathematics class -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i) Mathematics is one of my favorite subjects -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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How much do you agree with these statements about your mathematics lessons?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I know what my teacher expects me to do	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) My teacher is easy to understand ..	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I am interested in what my teacher says	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) My teacher gives me interesting things to do	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) My teacher has clear answers to my questions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) My teacher is good at explaining mathematics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) My teacher lets me show what I have learned	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) My teacher does a variety of things to help us learn	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i) My teacher tells me how to do better when I make a mistake	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j) My teacher listens to what I have to say	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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How much do you agree with these statements about mathematics?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I usually do well in mathematics ---	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Mathematics is more difficult for me than for many of my classmates -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Mathematics is not one of my strengths -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I learn things quickly in mathematics -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) Mathematics makes me nervous -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) I am good at working out difficult mathematics problems -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) My teacher tells me I am good at mathematics -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) Mathematics is harder for me than any other subject -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i) Mathematics makes me confused -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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How much do you agree with these statements about mathematics?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I think learning mathematics will help me in my daily life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I need mathematics to learn other school subjects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I need to do well in mathematics to get into the <university> of my choice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I need to do well in mathematics to get the job I want	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I would like a job that involves using mathematics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) It is important to learn about mathematics to get ahead in the world	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) Learning mathematics will give me more job opportunities when I am an adult	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) My parents think that it is important that I do well in mathematics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i) It is important to do well in mathematics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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How much do you agree with these statements about learning science?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I enjoy learning science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I wish I did not have to study science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Science is boring	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I learn many interesting things in science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I like science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) I look forward to learning science in school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) Science teaches me how things in the world work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) I like to conduct science experiments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i) Science is one of my favorite subjects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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How much do you agree with these statements about your science lessons?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I know what my teacher expects me to do	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) My teacher is easy to understand ..	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I am interested in what my teacher says	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) My teacher gives me interesting things to do	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) My teacher has clear answers to my questions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) My teacher is good at explaining science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) My teacher lets me show what I have learned	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) My teacher does a variety of things to help us learn	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i) My teacher tells me how to do better when I make a mistake	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j) My teacher listens to what I have to say	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

23

How much do you agree with these statements about science?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I usually do well in science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Science is more difficult for me than for many of my classmates ----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Science is not one of my strengths	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I learn things quickly in science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I am good at working out difficult science problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) My teacher tells me I am good at science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) Science is harder for me than any other subject	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) Science makes me confused	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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How much do you agree with these statements about science?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I think learning science will help me in my daily life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I need science to learn other school subjects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I need to do well in science to get into the <university> of my choice -	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I need to do well in science to get the job I want	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I would like a job that involves using science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) It is important to learn about science to get ahead in the world	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) Learning science will give me more job opportunities when I am an adult	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) My parents think that it is important that I do well in science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i) It is important to do well in science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Homework

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A. How often does your teacher give you homework in the following subjects?

Fill one circle for each line.

	Every day	3 or 4 times a week	1 or 2 times a week	Less than once a week	Never
a) Mathematics	<input type="radio"/>				
b) Science	<input type="radio"/>				

B. When your teacher gives you homework in the following subjects, about how many minutes do you usually spend on your homework?

Fill one circle for each line.

	My teacher never gives me homework in...	1-15 minutes	16-30 minutes	31-60 minutes	61-90 minutes	More than 90 minutes
a) Mathematics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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A. During the last 12 months, have you attended extra lessons or tutoring not provided by the school in the following subjects?

Fill one circle for each line.

	Yes, to excel in class	Yes, to keep up in class	No
a) Mathematics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

B. For how many of the last 12 months have you attended extra lessons or tutoring?

Fill one circle for each line.

	Did not attend	Less than 4 months	4-8 months	More than 8 months
a) Mathematics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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