

Writing Survey

Teacher's name
Student code #

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS BEGIN HERE

1. Which school do you attend? (Circle the number)

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| 1. Sacred Heart Girls College | 2. Hamilton Boys High School | 3. Morrinsville College |
| 4. Te Kauwhata College | 5. Puketaha Primary School | 6. Southwell School |
| 7. Hillcrest Normal Primary | 8. Tamahere Model Country School | |

2. Are you: (Circle the number)

1. Boy 2. Girl

3. How old are you? (Circle the number)

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|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. 6 years | 2. 7 years | 3. 8 years | 4. 9 years | 5. 10 years | 6. 11 years | 7. 12 years |
| 8. 13 years | 9. 14 years | 10. 15 years | 11. 16 years | 12. 17 years | 13. 18 years | |

4. How much do you like writing at school? (Circle the face or words)

Not at all A little Quite a lot Heaps



5. How good do you think you are at writing? (Circle the face or words)

Bad OK Good Very good



6. Are you better at writing than others in your class? (Circle the face or words)

No A little Quite a lot Heaps



7. How good does your teacher think you are at writing? (Circle the face or words)

Bad OK Good Very good



8. How good does your Mum/Dad think you are at writing? (Circle the face or words)

Bad OK Good Very good



9. Do others in your class say you write well? (Circle the face or words)

No Some Quite a few Heaps



10. Do you use good words in your writing? (Circle the face or words)

No Some Quite a lot Heaps



11. Are you better at writing sentences that link together than others in your class? (Circle the face or words)

No A little Quite a lot Heaps better



12. How much do you like writing in your own time (not at school)? (Circle the face or words)

Not at all A little Quite a lot Heaps



13. How much do you avoid (try to get out of) writing? (Circle the face or words)

Not at all A little Quite a lot Heaps



14. How good do you think you are at spelling? (Circle the face or words)

Not very good OK Good Very good



15. How often do you read to others what you write? (Circle the face or words)

Not at all A little Quite often Very often



16. How often do you write using a computer at school? (Circle the face or words)

Not at all A little Quite often Very often



17. How often do you write using a computer at home? (Circle the face or words)

Not at all A little Quite often Very often



18. Can you structure, or organize your writing for different purposes? (Circle the face or words)

Not at all A bit Quite easily Very easily



PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS STOP HERE

SECONDARY STUDENTS CONTINUE HERE

19. Do your sentences and paragraphs fit together as well as those of others in your class? (Circle the face or words)

Not at all A little Quite a lot Heaps



20. Is expressing ideas through writing a waste of time? (Circle the face or words)

No A little Quite a waste A big waste



INSTRUCTIONS: For questions 21–36 please circle the word that best describes your answer.

21. How often do you write a diary/journal?

At least once a day At least once a week At least once a month Rarely Never

22. How often do you write on a blog?

At least once a day At least once a week At least once a month Rarely Never

23. How often do you write essays?

At least once a day At least once a week At least once a month Rarely Never

24. How often do you send text messages?

At least once a day At least once a week At least once a month Rarely Never

25. How often do you write notes or answers in class/for homework?

At least once a day At least once a week At least once a month Rarely Never

26. How often do you write poems?

At least once a day At least once a week At least once a month Rarely Never

27. How often do you write song lyrics?

At least once a day At least once a week At least once a month Rarely Never

28. How often do you send e-mails?

At least once a day At least once a week At least once a month Rarely Never

29. How often do you write plays/screenplays?

At least once a day At least once a week At least once a month Rarely Never

30. How often do you write instant messages? (such as MSN/Windows Live Messenger, Skype)

At least once a day At least once a week At least once a month Rarely Never

31. How often do you write letters?

At least once a day At least once a week At least once a month Rarely Never

32. How often do you write notes to other people?

At least once a day At least once a week At least once a month Rarely Never

33. How often do you write postcards to other people?

At least once a day At least once a week At least once a month Rarely Never

34. How often do you write short stories/ fiction?

At least once a day At least once a week At least once a month Rarely Never

35. How often do you write newspaper or magazine stories?

At least once a day At least once a week At least once a month Rarely Never

36. How often do you write reviews? (such as book or film reviews)

At least once a day At least once a week At least once a month Rarely Never

37. How often do you write reports? (such as science reports)

At least once a day At least once a week At least once a month Rarely Never

38. How often do you write on social networking sites? (such as Bebo, MySpace, Facebook)

At least once a day At least once a week At least once a month Rarely Never

39. What do you enjoy writing the MOST? (Tick ONE only)

1. A diary/journal
2. Essays
3. Notes or answers in class/for homework
4. Poems
5. Song lyrics
6. Plays/screenplays
7. Letters
8. Notes to other people
9. Postcards to other people
10. Short stories/fiction
11. Newspapers or magazine stories
12. Reviews (such as book or film reviews)
13. Reports (such as science reports)

40. What do you enjoy writing the MOST? (Tick ONE only)

1. On a blog
2. Text messages
3. Emails
4. Instant messages (such as AIM, MSN/Windows Live Messenger, Skype)
5. On a social networking site (such as Bebo, MySpace, Facebook)

IF YOU THINK YOU ARE AN AVERAGE / GOOD WRITER ANSWER QUESTION 41. IF YOU THINK YOU ARE NOT VERY GOOD AT WRITING OR THINK YOU COULD BE BETTER ANSWER QUESTION 42.

41. PLEASE ANSWER THIS QUESTION IF YOU THINK YOU ARE AN AVERAGE / GOOD WRITER:

Why do you think you are average / good at writing? (Tick the three most important reasons)

1. I use my imagination
2. I try things out
3. I use punctuation correctly
4. I can express myself
5. I check my work
6. I write neatly
7. Other people have told me that I am good
8. I know how to spell
9. I know how to type
10. I read a lot
11. I write a lot
12. I talk about my writing
13. I enjoy writing
14. I don't know

42. PLEASE ANSWER THIS QUESTION IF YOU THINK YOU IF YOU THINK YOU ARE NOT VERY GOOD AT WRITING OR THINK YOU COULD BE BETTER:

Why do you think you are not very good at writing or think you could be better? (Tick the three most important reasons)

1. I am not very good at using my imagination
2. I am not very good at trying things out
3. I cannot express myself clearly
4. I am not very good at using punctuation correctly
5. I am not very good at checking my work
6. I am not very good at writing neatly
7. Other people have told me that I am not very good
8. I am not very good at spelling
9. I am not very good at typing
10. I don't read a lot
11. I don't write a lot
12. I don't talk about my writing

13. I don't enjoy writing

14. I don't know