

Teacher Notes on the Phase 4 Questions

Secondary – for pupils Yr 7 and above

These notes clarify and give further explanation about the questions on the *CensusAtSchool* Phase 4 questionnaire. We hope they are useful to you.

The questions were designed to be simple and unambiguous, but it is possible some pupils may have some queries about them.

Question 1: We are only asking for the first part of the postcode so that we can sort the data by region. This information will not be transferred to the full database to preserve anonymity. (If your school is located outside the UK please enter 'O' in this field)

Question 4: a number of measurements are needed...

HEIGHT to be measured to the nearest centimetre, without shoes on.

FOOT LENGTH to be measured to the nearest half centimetre. We would prefer bare feet. A piece of A4 half centimetre squared paper is an easy way to measure foot length.



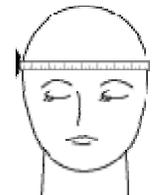
VERTICAL REACH to be measured to the nearest centimetre, without shoes on. A tape measure or metre rule could be fixed to the classroom wall to facilitate this. Ask pupils to reach up as high as they can without either foot leaving the floor. They are allowed to stand on tiptoe.

HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE to be measured to the nearest half centimetre. Measure as accurately as possible using a tape measure or a thin strip of paper cut from A4 half centimetre squared paper. Below is an indication of the sort of values you can expect.



Average Head Circumference Chart

	Infant/Child		Adult	
	Infant	Child	Woman	Man
Circumference				
cm	35.5	45.5	50.5	56



Question 5, 6: The pupils will need to be familiar with the 24-hour clock. There are drop-down menus on the online questionnaire. We have limited the values to between 5 pm and midnight, for the time going to bed, and 3 am to 10 am for getting up.

Question 7: The official term for the language most spoken at home is *mother tongue*, however we felt that younger children may not understand this term. We do provide a list of possible languages, although this is not exhaustive. The list is available from the website at www.censusatschool.ntu.ac.uk/files/languages.doc



- Question 8: The list of possible types of music that we could have included is endless – Country, Jazz, Hip Hop, to name but a few. We have tried to limit it to those types most often quoted by children, however do allow them to choose ‘Other’ with an option to put in their own choice.
- Question 9: Pupils are asked to give their own opinion of the level of trust they have in certain institutions. On the online questionnaire a sliding slide is provided, whilst a fixed scale is given on the paper questionnaire. The values are recorded on the database to 3 dp from ‘0 – Do not Trust’ to ‘5 – Trust’. Ideas on how to analyse this data will be available shortly.
- Question 11: This question comes from the UK adult census form, which states that Christian includes Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations.
- Question 12: Please only complete part b) if the answer to part a) is ‘YES’.
- Question 13: This is a repeat of the question first asked on the original Phase 1 of *CensusAtSchool* in 2000/1. The aim is to enable comparison since then.
- Question 15: This should be the pupil’s individual opinion.
- Question 16: The reaction timer is available both as part of the online questionnaire, and as a separate page on the website at <http://www.censusatschool.ntu.ac.uk/phase4webform/phase4reaction.asp> This gives pupils the opportunity to practice 3 times with each hand and displays the average time of the final two attempts.

If you are not using the online questionnaire but transferring the data to the optional spreadsheet then you will need the codes from the [instrument sheet](#) for Q12 and [language sheet](#) for Q7, as well as the following codings:-

Q2	Male – M	Female – F			
Q8	Classical – C	Dance – D	Pop – P	R&B/Garage – G	Rap – R
	Rock/Heavy Metal - M		Other – O		
Q10	University – U	Work – W	Travel – T	Unsure – S	Other – O
Q11	Buddist – B	Christian – C	Hindu – H	Jewish – J	Muslim – M
	Sikh – S	Other – O	None – N		
Q14a)	Fiction – F	Non-fiction – N			
Q14b)	Factual – F	Horror – H	Romance – R	Crime – C	Real Life – L
	Adventure – A	Fantasy/Science fiction - S		Other – O	
Q15	Pound – P	Euro – E	US Dollar - U		

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