

SOME CHECKLISTS AND QUESTIONNAIRES TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS



The following selection of checklists and questionnaires has been used in my private practice. They are designed to be completed by parents, teachers, children and/or adolescents.

I have found that they provide invaluable information to supplement the data gained from formal, norm referenced, rating scales and questionnaires. They also engage parents and teachers directly in the assessment process.

The checklists and questionnaires probe the following areas-

- the opinions of children about themselves, family and school
- the opinions of secondary school students about themselves and school
- the behaviour of children as rated by parents and teachers
- the behaviour of adolescents as rated by parents and teachers

This is My Story

Young children's thoughts about themselves. The statements can be read to young children and responses recorded by parents and/or teachers.

Me and My School Questionnaire

Young children's thoughts and opinions about themselves, their family and school. The statements can be read to young children and their responses recorded by parents and/or teachers.

Secondary School Questionnaire

Adolescents' thoughts and opinions about themselves as learners, their teachers and school.

Behaviour Rating Checklist: Children

Parents and/or teachers comment on the behaviour of a child.

Behaviour Rating Checklist: Adolescents

Parents and/or teachers comment on the behaviour of an adolescent.

THIS IS MY STORY

Words to describe me

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Things I am good at

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Things I like to do

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My favourite things

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My best friends

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Things that make me happy

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Things that make me sad

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Things that make me angry

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Things I am not good at

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Things I would like to improve about myself

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Three wishes

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Three things to change at home

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Three things to change at school

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ME AND MY SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE

Three words to describe me

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Things that make me happy

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My favourite things

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Things that make me sad

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I am mostly happy-Yes/No

I am mostly sad-Yes/No

Things I would like to change about me

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Things I would like to change about home

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Three wishes

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I think that my school is

- outstanding
- very good
- good
- unsatisfactory
- very disappointing

The best things about my school are

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The worst things about my school are

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I have thought about changing school. Yes/No

My favourite/best subjects are

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My worst subjects are

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I rate myself as being

- an excellent student
- a very good student
- a good student
- a poor student
- a very poor student

My teachers usually

- Teach well. Yes/No
- Know me well. Yes/No
- Care about me. Yes/No

I have many good friends at school. Yes/No

It is very important to have good friends at school. Yes/No

School could be improved in the following ways

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Any other comments that you would like to make about

YOU

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YOUR FAMILY

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and your

SCHOOL

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SECONDARY SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE

I think that my school is-

- outstanding
- very good
- good
- unsatisfactory
- very disappointing

The best things about my school are-

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The worst things about my school are-

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I have thought about changing school. Yes/No

I would quit school if I could. Yes/No

My favourite/best subjects are-

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My worst subjects are-

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I rate myself as being

- an excellent student
- a very good student
- a good student
- a poor student
- a very poor student

I could improve my studies by-

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My teachers usually-

- Teach well. Yes/No
- Know me well. Yes/No
- Care about my education. Yes/No

I plan to complete my VCE. Yes/No

I plan to go to University/ College. Yes/No

I have many good friends at school. Yes/No

It is very important to have good friends at school. Yes/No

School could be improved in the following ways-

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My parents care about my schooling. Yes/No

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BEHAVIOUR RATING SCALE: CHILDREN

Name:.....

Date of Birth:..... Age:..... Gender:.....

Siblings/Number:..... Position in Family:.....

School:..... Grade:.....

Presenting Problem(s)

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Aggressive	Yes/No
Argumentative	Yes/No
Temper tantrums	Yes/No
Naughty	Yes/No
Overactive	Yes/No
Timid	Yes/No
Anxious	Yes/No
Sad	Yes/No
Unhappy	Yes/No
Depressed	Yes/No
Confidence problems	Yes/No
Self-Esteem problems	Yes/No
Problems relating to parents	Yes/No
Problems relating to siblings	Yes/No
Problems making/keeping friends	Yes/No
Problems learning	Yes/No
Problems with teachers	Yes/No
Problems with school mates	Yes/No

Interests/Hobbies:.....
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Special Abilities/Talents:
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BEHAVIOUR RATING SCALE: ADOLESCENTS

Name:.....

Date of Birth:..... Age:..... Gender:.....

Siblings/Number:..... Position in Family:.....

School:..... Grade:.....

Presenting Problem(s)

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Aggressive	Yes/No
Argumentative	Yes/No
Angry	Yes/No
Temper tantrums	Yes/No
Breaks Rules	Yes/No
Defiant	Yes/No
Overactive	Yes/No
Timid	Yes/No
Withdrawn	Yes/No
Anxious	Yes/No
Sad	Yes/No
Unhappy	Yes/No
Depressed	Yes/No
Confidence problems	Yes/No
Self-Esteem problems	Yes/No
Problems relating to parents	Yes/No
Problems relating to siblings	Yes/No
Problems making/keeping friends	Yes/No

Problems learning	Yes/No
Problems with teachers	Yes/No
Problems with school mates	Yes/No

Interests/Hobbies:.....
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Special Abilities/Talents:
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