

# Everyday Reading

## Welcome

This survey is part of the RABiT research project, led by Sam Duncan at the UCL Institute of Education and funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council. Our aim is to understand more about the kinds of reading adults do every day.

By filling in this survey, you are giving us permission to collect your responses for use in the RABiT research project, presentations and publications. Your responses will be anonymous. We will not ask for your name.

### What do we want to know?

We are hoping to discover more about *what* adults read in our everyday lives, *how* and *why*. We would like you to think about reading as broadly as possible. For example, reading can mean reading road signs or food boxes, not just books or newspapers.

We are interested in bits of reading that are quick, as well as reading that takes longer, in reading that is done alone and reading shared with others. This includes reading for family, fun, work, study, faith or for any reason at all.

We are interested in everything and anything you read, at any time and in any language.

## Reading and your life

### Q1: To what extent do you agree with this statement? Reading is an important part of my life.

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly agree    | <input type="radio"/> Somewhat agree    | <input type="radio"/> Neither agree nor disagree |
| <input type="radio"/> Somewhat disagree | <input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree |  |

### Q2: To what extent do you agree with this statement? I enjoy reading.

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly agree    | <input type="radio"/> Somewhat agree    | <input type="radio"/> Neither agree nor disagree |
| <input type="radio"/> Somewhat disagree | <input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree |  |

### Q3: If you would like to add anything about your answers to questions 1 and 2, please do so here:

#### Q4: On the whole, do you find reading

- difficult
- easy
- usually easy but sometimes difficult
- usually difficult but sometimes easy

### Reading Aloud: What?

The rest of this survey is about reading **OUT LOUD** (saying the words with your voice as you read) in particular.

This includes reading aloud in a quiet voice - murmuring or whispering - as well as reading aloud loudly, perhaps shouting, chanting or singing.

It includes reading aloud to yourself or to (or with) other people.

We will ask about when **you** read aloud, and also about when you **listen** to others reading.

First, we would love to know **what** you might read aloud.

For example, you might read aloud part of a menu, a TV guide, a list of numbers, a religious text - or something completely different.

We are mainly interested the sorts of reading that you do at the moment, in your present life, but we will also ask a question about whether your reading habits were different at any point in the past.

#### Q5: How often do you read these texts, or parts of them, ALOUD?

	Never	Less often than once a year	About once or twice a year	About once a month	About once a week	About every day or two
Newspapers or magazines (print and online)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Books (not including children's books)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children's books	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Instructions or recipes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emails or letters (including bills)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Religious texts (including Holy Books and prayers)	<input type="radio"/>					
Social media posts (including Facebook and Twitter) or text messages	<input type="radio"/>					
Shop signs, road signs, posters	<input type="radio"/>					

Other (please write anything else you read aloud and how often)

**Q6: What do you read aloud most often and why?**

**Q7: How often do you LISTEN to someone reading these texts, or parts of them, aloud? This could include listening to a recording of someone reading aloud, such as an audiobook or a book read on the radio.**

	Never	Less often than once a year	About once or twice a year	About once a month	About once a week	About every day or two
Newspapers or magazines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Audio-books or 'book at bedtime' on the radio	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Books (not including children's books or audio books)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children's books	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Instructions or recipes	<input type="radio"/>					
Emails or letters (including bills)	<input type="radio"/>					
Religious texts (including Holy books and prayers)	<input type="radio"/>					
Social media posts or text messages	<input type="radio"/>					
Shop signs, road signs, posters	<input type="radio"/>					

Other (please write anything else you listen to and how often)

**Q8:** If you used to read aloud (or listen to someone reading aloud) in the past but not any more, or if you used to do something different, please tell us here.

### Reading aloud: alone or with others?

**Q9:** How often do you read aloud...

	Never	Less often than once a year	About once or twice a year	About once a month	About once a week	About every day or two
just to yourself	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
to one other person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

to several other people or to a group	<input type="radio"/>					
in unison with others (everyone reading the same thing aloud together)	<input type="radio"/>					
in a group where everyone is reading something different, each aloud	<input type="radio"/>					

**Q10:** If you read aloud to someone else/other people, please explain who and what/why. For example, 'I read books aloud to my father and emails to my workmates.'

**Q11:** How often do you listen...

	Never	Less often than once a year	About once or twice a year	About once a month	About once a week	About every day or two
to a recording of someone reading aloud (for example, an audiobook or 'book at bedtime' on the radio) when ALONE	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
to a recording of someone reading aloud (for example, an audiobook or 'book at bedtime' on the radio), listening WITH SOMEONE ELSE.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

to one person reading aloud to just you	<input type="radio"/>					
to one person reading aloud to you and others	<input type="radio"/>					
to a group of people reading aloud	<input type="radio"/>					

**Q12:** If you listen to another person/other people reading aloud, please explain who and what/why. For example, "My friend reads my letters out to me when..."

### Reading aloud: why?

In this section, we would like to know **WHY** you might read aloud or listen to others reading.

**Q13:** Why do you read aloud rather than silently? What difference does the reading aloud make? (if you never read aloud please leave this blank)

**Q14: Do you ever read aloud for these reasons?**

	Yes	No
to help someone (who cannot see, cannot read or forgot their glasses)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
reading to a child	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
to share what you have read with someone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
to entertain others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
because you enjoy it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
for individual worship or spiritual purposes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
as part of communal religious worship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
to memorise or learn something	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
to understand difficult text/sentences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
to help you read/learn another language	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
to help you write something	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

For another purpose, please explain

**Q15: Do you ever listen to someone reading aloud for these reasons? Remember this could include listening to a recording of someone reading aloud, like an audio-book or 'book at bedtime' on the radio.**

	Yes	No
to get information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
to help a child with reading	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
so someone can share what they have read with you for entertainment or enjoyment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
for company	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
for individual worship or spiritual purposes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
as part of communal religious worship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
to memorise or learn something	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
to understand difficult text/sentences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
to help you learn another language	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
to help you or someone else write something	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

For another purpose, please explain

### **Computer, tablet or phone screens**

**Q16: Do you ever read aloud from a computer, tablet or phone screen?**

- Yes  
 No

If yes, please explain what and why

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**Q17: Do you ever listen to someone reading aloud from their (or someone else's) computer, tablet or phone screen?**

- Yes  
 No

If yes, please explain what and why.

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## Languages

**Q18: Do you read aloud in more than one language?**

- yes  
 no

If yes, please explain, i.e. I read aloud in English for work but also love reading aloud French recipes...'

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**Q19: Do you listen to reading aloud in more than one language?**

- yes  
 no

If yes, please explain, ie 'I listen to my son reading in Welsh but also listen to reading in Arabic when ...'

## Thoughts, feelings, practices

**Q20: Please tick all that apply to you. Tick as many or as few as you like.**

- I read silently more than I read aloud.
- I read aloud more than I read silently.
- I read aloud more than I listen to others reading aloud.
- I listen to others reading aloud more than I read aloud.
- I like reading aloud.
- I dislike reading aloud.
- I like being read to.
- I dislike being read to.
- I like reading aloud more than reading silently.
- I like reading silently more than reading aloud.
- I find reading aloud more difficult than reading silently.
- I find reading aloud easier than reading silently.

**Q21: Is there anything else you can tell us about reading aloud in your life?**

## About you

**Q22: What is your age?**

- 18-22
- 23-30
- 31-45
- 46-66

- 67-80
- Over 80

**Q23: What is your gender?**

- Male
- Female
- Other
- Prefer not to say

**Q24: Where do you live?**

- Wales: North West
- Wales: North East
- Wales: Mid
- Wales: South West
- Wales: South East
- Scotland: Eastern Scotland
- Scotland: South Western Scotland
- Scotland: North Eastern Scotland
- Scotland: Highlands and Islands
- England: North East
- England: North West
- England: Yorkshire and the Humber
- England: East Midlands
- England: West Midlands
- England: East of England
- England: South East (including Greater London)
- England: South West

**Q25: Do you live in**

- a city
- a town
- a village or countryside

**Q26: What religion are you?**

Please be as specific as you like.

**Q27: Which best describes the furthest level of formal education you have completed?**

- I did not go to school
- Primary school
- Secondary/high school
- A-levels, Highers or Vocational education
- University or other HE (i.e. BA, BSc, MA, PGCE, PhD)

**Q28: Do you consider yourself bilingual/multilingual?**

- yes
- no

If yes, please explain your use of different languages (naming the languages if you like).

**Q29: If you would like to indicate your ethnicity or cultural heritage, please do so in the terms you prefer:**