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The variable names mentioned in this document belong to a collection of datasets, which is released with doi:10.5684/soep.v34.
Reading Aid

This representation of the questionnaire contains the same information as the portal paneldata.org.

Here, in addition to the question number, question text, interviewer instructions, and answer options, you find printed in green the file name and the variable name with the variable label, which contains information from the question. If you see rows of green lines below the answer option, the questionnaire defines several variables or information is stored in more than one data set.

The routing by filters is depicted in blue. Each variable is preceded by an identifier (which generally contains the question number, marked here with a yellow dotted line), which is given, if the variable is used in filters in a subsequent question. Such filters are usually shown (as gatekeepers) at the beginning of the question.

This reading aid does not cover a few exceptional cases: If the filter (as gatekeeper) only affects one of several variables for a question, the filter is printed in blue behind the variable. There you will also find a "go to" command in the form 2 @ Q73. Here, the questionnaire skips to question 73 if the variable results in value of 2.

Phrases that are not already translated in English are displayed in German and preceded by [de].
**Intro** The first years of a child’s life are characterized by variety of development steps. Recent research is particularly interested in this important lifespan. This short questionnaire is about children, they were born in 2013. The questions refer to your personal experiences and the development of your newborn child. Your participation is entirely voluntary. We therefore cordially request that - you allow our staff member to interview you - or you fill out the questionnaire independently.

0 Before handing in the questionnaire, please enter in accordance with the address log:

Household Number: [_____]

Mother’s first name

*Please print*

Person ID [_____]

1 What’s your child’s name?

Child’s first name

*Please print in capital letters.*

Person ID [_____]

2 In what year and month was your child born?

[13] 2013 [_____]

Month [_____]

3 Did you breastfeed your baby? If so, how long?

Breastfed only the first four weeks. [_____]

No, did not breastfeed [_____]

[_____] I breastfed for a longer period: ... months

[_____] breastfeeding time in months

4 What’s your current impression of your child? To what extent do you agree with the following statements?
My child is generally cheerful and happy

Agree completely  Agree  Disagree  Disagree completely

1  2  3  4

My child is easily irritated and cries a lot

1  2  3  4

My child is difficult to comfort when upset

1  2  3  4

My child is curious and active

1  2  3  4

My child is communicative and likes to talk

1  2  3  4

My child shows empathy when others are sad

1  2  3  4

I’m worried about my child’s health

1  2  3  4

5 Did your child experience health problems in the last 12 months that required a hospital stay?

Yes  1
No  2

5:bges1  bioagel  hospital12m  length of hospital stay in the last 12 months in days

[Yes], ... days

5:bges2  bioagel  hospital12m  length of hospital stay in the last 12 months in days

6 Has your child been diagnosed by a doctor as having one of the following health conditions or impairments?

Please mark all that apply.

Asthma  1
Chronic bronchitis  1
Spastic / acute bronchitis  1
Pseudocroup / Croup syndrome  1
Middle-ear inflammation  1
Hay fever  1
Neurodermatitis  1
Vision impairment (e.g., far-sightedness, near-sightedness, crossed eyes)  1
Hearing impairment  1
Nutritional disorder  1
Motor impairment (disorder of the locomotor apparatus)  1
Other impairment or disorder  1
No, none of the above  1

6:bstor01  bioagel  ill1 1  asthma
7 What is your child's current height and weight?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Weight in kilograms</th>
<th>Height in centimeters</th>
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8 If you think about a normal week, is there anybody else who regularly spends time looking after your child? If so, who is it and how many hours a week do they spend looking after the child?

- Spouse / Partner
- The child's father (if not a resident of the same household)
- The child's grandparents
- Older siblings of the child
- Other relatives
- Paid caregiver (outside the home)
- Paid caregiver (comes into your home)
- Nursery school (creche, kindergarten)
- Other (friends, acquaintances, neighbors, etc.)
- No, nobody
### Hours

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<tr>
<th>Spouse / Partner</th>
<th>Father</th>
<th>Grandparents</th>
<th>Siblings</th>
<th>Other Relatives</th>
<th>Paid Caregiver Outside Home</th>
<th>Paid Caregiver Inside Home</th>
<th>Nursery School</th>
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#### Hours

- **8:std1** bioagel care1h cared for by partner (in h/week)
- **8:std2** bioagel care2h cared for by child’s father (if not resident of same household) (in h/week)
- **8:std3** bioagel care3h cared for by grandparents (in h/week)
- **8:std4** bioagel care4h cared for by older siblings (in h/week)
- **8:std5** bioagel care5h cared for by other relatives (in h/week)
- **8:std6** bioagel care6h cared for in family day care (in h/week)
- **8:std7** bioagel care7h cared for by babysitter (in h/week)
- **8:std8** bioagel care8h cared for in creche/day nursery (in h/week)
- **8:std9** bioagel care12h cared for by others (in h/week)

### 9 How many times in the last 14 days have you or the main caregiver engaged in the following activities with your child?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Activity</th>
<th>Daily</th>
<th>Several Times a Week</th>
<th>At Least Once a Week</th>
<th>Not at All</th>
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<td>Singing children’s songs with or to the child</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Taking walks outdoors</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Painting or doing arts and crafts</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Reading or telling stories</td>
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<td>Looking at picture books</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Going to the playground</td>
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<td>Visiting other families with children</td>
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<td>Going shopping with the child</td>
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<td>Watching television or videos with the child</td>
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9:aktiv1 bioagel activ1 singing children songs to/with child (times during last 14 days)
9:aktiv2 bioagel activ2 taking walks outdoors (no. of times during last 14 days)
9:aktiv3 bioagel activ3 painting or doing arts and crafts (times during last 14 days)
9:aktiv4 bioagel activ4 reading/telling stories (in german) (times during last 14 days)
9:aktiv5 bioagel activ5 looking at picture books (times during last 14 days)
9:aktiv6 bioagel activ6 going to playground (no. of times during last 14 days)
9:aktiv7 bioagel activ7 visiting other families with children (times during last 14 days)
9:aktiv8 bioagel activ8 going shopping with child (no. of times during last 14 days)
9:aktiv9 bioagel activ9 watching television/videos with child (times during last 14 days)
10. Is your child allowed to watch television or videos alone, without adult supervision?
   Yes
   Rarely, as an exception
   No, never

11. How would you rank your child in comparison to other children of the same age? My child is ...
   The further to the left you make the X, the more the characteristic on the left side applies. The further to the right you make the X, the more the characteristic on the right side applies.
   
   is rather shy
   is rather focused
   is rather disobedient
   rather understands quickly

12. For parents, it is always a big event when their child learns something new. Please tell us what those new things were in your child’s case.
   Speaking:
   
   Speaks in full sentences (with four or more words)
   Follows instructions, five minutes after hearing them.
   Can state his/her first and last name if someone asks for it.
   Listens attentive to a story for 15 minutes or longer
   Passes on simple messages such as “dinner is ready”

   Everyday skills:
   
   Uses a spoon to eat, without assistance and without dripping
   Blows his/her nose without assistance
   Uses the toilet to do “number two”
   Put on pants and underpants the right way around
   Brushes his/her teeth without assistance

   Movement:
### Social relationships

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<th>Partly</th>
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<td>Participates in games with other children</td>
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<td>2</td>
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<td>Gets involved in role-playing games (“playing pretend”)</td>
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<td>Shows a special liking for particular playmates or friends</td>
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<td>Is able to name his/her own feelings, e.g., “sad”, “happy”, “scared”</td>
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<td>2</td>
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<td>Takes turns when playing without being asked.</td>
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<td>2</td>
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### Do you or other household members speak only German to your child, or do you also speak another language to him/her?

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<th>Language Option</th>
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<td>Another language as well</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Only another language</td>
<td>3</td>
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### What date do we have today?

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**SOEP Core study**

**Mother and Child (2-3-year-olds) 2016**
| Interviewer: |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| List ID      |                                  |
| Lfd ID       |                                  |
| Account number |                               |