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Reading Aid

This representation of the questionnaire contains the same informations 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 informations are 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].
Comparably, scientific research has much knowledge about children in school age, but not so much knowledge about the period before the school attendance starts. This short questionnaire deals with children, who were born in 2011. Our questions refer to your personal experiences and the child’s growth. Generally the (biological or adoptive) mother should answer the following questions.

The participation is voluntarily. We cordially request you, to answer the questions for our interviewer or to fill out the questionnaire by yourself accurately.

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

Household Number: [ ]

Mother’s first name: [ ]

Person ID: [ ]

1 What’s your child’s name?

Please complete using block capitals.

Child’s first name: [ ]

Person ID: [ ]

2 Birth date and sex of your child

Day: [ ]
Month: [ ]
Year: [ ]

Male: [ ]
Female: [ ]

3 To what extent do you agree with the following statements about your child? For each answer, think about your child’s behavior in the last six months.

Please answer on the following scale, where 1 means “does not apply at all”, and 7 meaning “applies completely”.

My child ...
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Behavior</th>
<th>Does not apply at all</th>
<th>Applies completely</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>is thoughtful</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>is restless, hyperactive, can't sit still long</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>likes to share with other children (sweets, toys, crayons, etc.)</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>often has tantrums, is short-tempered</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>is a loner, usually plays alone</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>is helpful when others are hurt, sick, or sad</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>is always fidgety</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>often fights with or picks on other children</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>is often unhappy or downcast, cries a lot</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>is generally well-liked by other children</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>is easily distracted, unfocused</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>is nervous or clingy in new situations, easily loses self-confidence</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>is often teased or picked on by others</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>often helps others of his/her own accord (parents, teachers, other children)</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gets along better with adults than with children</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>has a lot of fears, gets scared easily</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>finishes what he/she starts, can concentrate for a long time</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

3:cvr01  bioagel  behav1  child is considerate
3:cvr02  bioagel  behav2  child is restless, hyperactive, cannot sit still
3:cvr03  bioagel  behav3  child shares with other children
3:cvr04  bioagel  behav4  child often has fits of anger, quick-tempered
3:cvr05  bioagel  behav5  child is a loner, usually plays alone
3:cvr06  bioagel  behav6  child is helpful when others are hurt, sick, sad
3:cvr07  bioagel  behav7  child is fidgety
3:cvr08  bioagel  behav8  child argues with or bullies others
3:cvr09  bioagel  behav9  child is often unhappy, cries easily
4 What is your child’s current height and weight?

Weight in kilograms
Height in centimeters

5 Is your child in any way impaired or prevented from doing things that most children of his or her age can do?
Yes
No

6 Did your child experience health problems in the last 12 months that necessitated a hospital stay?
Yes
No

7 Did you have to go to or call a doctor in the last 3 months because of your child’s health problems?
Yes
No

8 Has your child been diagnosed by a doctor as having one of the following health conditions or impairments?
Please state all that apply!
Respiratory disease (asthma, bronchitis or similar)
Middle-ear inflammation
Neurodermatitis
Vision impairment (e.g., far-sightedness, near-sightedness, crossed eyes)
Nutritional disorder
Motor impairment (impairments of the locomotor apparatus)
Other impairment or disorder
No, none of the above
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>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Going to the playground</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Activities outdoors (taking walks or similar)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visiting other families with children</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Going shopping with the child</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Singing children's songs</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Painting or doing arts and crafts</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Playing cards, board games, or other games together</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Watching television or videos with the child</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Playing computer or Internet games together</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Going to children's theater, the circus, museums, exhibitions, or similar</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[Reading or telling stories] in German</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[Reading or telling stories] in another language</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
10 Is your child allowed to watch television or videos alone, without adult supervision?

Yes 1
Rarely, as an exception. 2
No, never. 3

10:ctv1 bioagel tvyn child allowed to watch television or videos alone
Yes, ... hours per week. 

10:ctv2 bioagel tvhrs child watches video/tv alone (in h/week)

11 If you think about a normal week, is there anybody else who regularly spends time looking after your child? If so, who are they, and how many hours a week do they spend looking after the child?

Spouse / Partner 1
The child’s father (if not a resident of the same household) 1
The child’s grandparents 1
Older brother / sister of the child 1
Other relatives 1
Paid caregiver (outside the home) 1
Paid caregiver (comes into your home) 1
Nursery school (creche, kindergarten) 1
Other (friends, acquaintances, neighbors, etc.) 1
No, nobody 1

11:csit1 bioagel care1h cared for by partner (in h/week)
11:csit2 bioagel care2h cared for by childs father (if not resident of same household) (in h/week)
11:csit3 bioagel care3h cared for by grandparents (in h/week)
11:csit4 bioagel care4h cared for by older siblings (in h/week)
11:csit5 bioagel care5h cared for by other relatives (in h/week)
11:csit6 bioagel care6h cared for in family day care (in h/week)
11:csit7 bioagel care7h cared for by babysitter (in h/week)
11:csit8 bioagel care8h cared for in creche/day nursery (in h/week)
11:csit9 bioagel care12h cared for by others (in h/week)
11:csitno bioagel care19 no others cared for, only mother

Hours [spouse / partner]
Hours [father (if not in the household)]
Hours [grandparents]
Hours [siblings]
Hours [other relatives]
Hours [paid caregiver outside home]
Hours [paid caregiver inside home]
Hours [nursery school]
Hours [other]

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11:cstd7 bioagel care6h cared for in family day care (in h/week)
11:cstd8 bioagel care7h cared for by babysitter (in h/week)
12 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 talkative
- is messy
- is good-natured
- disinterested
- is self-confident
- is withdrawn
- is focused
- is defiant
- understands quickly
- is timidly

is rather quiet
is neat
is easy irritated
curious to learn
is insecure
is easily distracted
is sociable
is easily distracted
needs more time
is fearless

A What’s the date today?

Day
Month
Hours
Minute

A:datm bioagel age Age Of Child At Time Of Survey

Interview form

Form

A:form bioagel mode form of questioning

Interviewer:

List ID
Lfd ID
Account number

Interviewer signature