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Reading Aid

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

The diagram illustrates the structure of two questionnaire questions, Q72 and Q73, with various annotations. On the left, labels with arrows point to specific parts of the questions: 'question number' points to 'Q72'; 'question text' points to the main text of Q72; 'interviewer instruction' points to the teal text below Q72; 'answer options' points to the 'Yes', 'No', and 'No answer' options; 'in blue: identifier for filter' points to 'Q72:lsta1'; 'in blue: filter with condition' points to 'Q72:lsta1=2'; and 'grey bar: open or numeric answer' points to the grey bar below Q73. On the right, a legend indicates that green text represents 'dataset name', 'variable name', and 'variable label'. The diagram shows the following content for Q72: 'Q72 Now we would like to know something about you personally. Were you born in Germany?' followed by teal text: 'This refers to Germany or the Federal Republic of Germany or the German Democratic Republic in the national borders at the time of your birth.' Answer options are 'Yes' (1), 'No' (2), and 'No answer' (-1). Below are variables: 'Q72:lsta1 bio I0013 born in Germany' (with 'Q72:lsta1' in blue) and 'Q72:lsta1=2'. Q73 is 'Q73 What country were you born in?' followed by teal text: 'Please enter the current name!' and a grey bar. Below Q73 is the variable 'Q73:lsta2 bio I0016 Country Of Birth'.

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 usually contains the question number and which is used when the variable is used in filters in subsequent questions. Such filters are usually placed as input filters (gatekeepers) at the beginning of a question. An identifier that is referred to in the input filter of a subsequent question is marked yellow as an example.

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 answer 2 was given.

Phrases that are not already translated in English are displayed in German and preceded by [de].

Intro Comparably the 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 2012. 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:

0:hnr bioagel hhnrakt Current wave HH number

Mother's first name

Please print

Person ID

1 What's your child's name?

Please complete using block capitals.

Child's first name

Person ID

1:cprn bioagel persnr Unchanging personal ID of child

2 Birth date and sex of your child

Day

Month

Year

2:cgebm bioagel birthm Child's month of birth

2:cgebj bioagel birthy Child's year of birth

...

Male

Female

2:csex bioagel sex Child gender

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 ...

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

- 3:cver01 bioagel behav1 Child is considerate
- 3:cver02 bioagel behav2 Child is restless, hyperactive, cannot sit still
- 3:cver03 bioagel behav3 Child likes to share with other children
- 3:cver04 bioagel behav4 Child often has fits of anger, quick-tempered
- 3:cver05 bioagel behav5 Child is a loner, usually plays alone
- 3:cver06 bioagel behav6 Child is helpful when others are hurt, sick, sad
- 3:cver07 bioagel behav7 Child is fidgety
- 3:cver08 bioagel behav8 Child argues with or bullies others
- 3:cver09 bioagel behav9 Child is often unhappy, cries easily

3:cver10	bioagel	behav10	Child is popular with peers
3:cver11	bioagel	behav11	Child is easily distracted, lacks concentration
3:cver12	bioagel	behav12	Child is nervous or clingy in new situations
3:cver13	bioagel	behav13	Child gets teased or bullied by peers
3:cver14	bioagel	behav14	Child frequently offers to help others
3:cver15	bioagel	behav15	Child gets along with adults better than with other children
3:cver16	bioagel	behav16	Child has a lot of fears, gets scared easily
3:cver17	bioagel	behav17	Child completes tasks, can concentrate for an extended period

4 What is your child's current height and weight?

Weight in kilograms

Height in centimeters

4:cgew bioagel weight Child - weight in kg

4:cgro bioagel height Child - height in cm

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

5:cstor bioagel ill0 Child is restricted in abilities

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

Yes

No

6:cgel1 bioagel hospital12m Length of hospital stay in the last 12 months in days

Yes, ... days

6:cgel2 bioagel hospital12m Length of hospital stay in the last 12 months in days

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

7:carz1 bioagel medaid3m Medical help - number of times in the last 3 months

Yes: ... times

7:carz2 bioagel medaid3m Medical help - number of times in the last 3 months

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

8:cstor1 bioagel ill10 Respiratory diseases

8:cstor2 bioagel ill2 Middle-ear inflammation

- 8:cstor3 bioagel ill4 Neurodermatitis
- 8:cstor4 bioagel ill5 Vision impairment
- 8:cstor5 bioagel ill7 Nutritional disorders
- 8:cstor6 bioagel ill8 Motor impairment
- 8:cstor7 bioagel ill9 Other impairments or disorders
- 8:cstor9 bioagel illno No confirmed disorder

[other disorders]:

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

	Daily	Several times a week	At least once a week	Not at all
Going to the playground	1	2	3	4
Activities outdoors (taking walks or similar)	1	2	3	4
Visiting other families with children	1	2	3	4
Going shopping with the child	1	2	3	4
Singing children's songs	1	2	3	4
Painting or doing arts and crafts	1	2	3	4
Playing cards, board games, or other games together	1	2	3	4
Watching television or videos with the child	1	2	3	4
Playing computer or Internet games together	1	2	3	4
Going to children's theater, the circus, museums, exhibitions, or similar	1	2	3	4
[Reading or telling stories] in German	1	2	3	4
[Reading or telling stories] in another language	1	2	3	4

- 9:caktiv01 bioagel activ6 Going to playground (no. of times during last 14 days)
- 9:caktiv02 bioagel activ2 Taking walks outdoors (no. of times during last 14 days)
- 9:caktiv03 bioagel activ7 Visiting other families with children (times during last 14 days)
- 9:caktiv04 bioagel activ8 Going shopping with child (no. of times during last 14 days)
- 9:caktiv05 bioagel activ1 Singing children songs to / with child (times during last 14 days)
- 9:caktiv06 bioagel activ3 Painting or doing arts and crafts (times during last 14 days)
- 9:caktiv07 bioagel activ10 Frequency of playing cards or dice in the last 14 days
- 9:caktiv08 bioagel activ9 Watching television / videos with child (times during last 14 days)
- 9:caktiv09 bioagel activ11 Frequency of computer / online gaming in the last 14 days
- 9:caktiv10 bioagel activ12 Frequency of trips to children's theater, circus, museum, last 14 days
- 9:caktiv11 bioagel activ4 Reading / telling stories (in German) (times during last 14 days)
- 9:caktiv12 bioagel activ13 Frequency of reading / story-telling in other language in the last 14 days

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 TV or videos alone
Yes, ... hours per week.	
10:ctv2 bioagel tvhrs	Child watches TV / videos 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 child's 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]	

11:cstd1 bioagel care1h	Cared for by partner (in h / week)
11:cstd2 bioagel care2h	Cared for by child's father (if not resident of same household) (in h / week)
11:cstd3 bioagel care3h	Cared for by grandparents (in h / week)
11:cstd4 bioagel care4h	Cared for by older siblings (in h / week)
11:cstd5 bioagel care5h	Cared for by other relatives (in h / week)
11:cstd6 bioagel care12h	Cared for by others (in h / week)
11:cstd7 bioagel care6h	Cared for in family day care (in h / week)
11:cstd8 bioagel care7h	Cared for by babysitter (in h / week)

11:cstd9 bioagel care8h Cared for in creche / day nursery (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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	is rather quiet
is messy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	is neat
is good-natured	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	is easy irritated
disinterested	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	curious to learn
is self-confident	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	is insecure
is withdrawn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	is sociable
is focused	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	is easily distracted
is defiant	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	is obedient
understands quickly	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	needs more time
is timidly	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	is fearless

- 12:cverg01 bioagel char1b Child tends to be talkative / quiet
- 12:cverg02 bioagel char5 Child tends to be messy / neat
- 12:cverg03 bioagel char6 Child tends to be sweet-tempered / easily irritated
- 12:cverg04 bioagel char7 Child tends to be disinterested / curious
- 12:cverg05 bioagel char8 Child tends to be self-confident / tends to lack confidence
- 12:cverg06 bioagel char9 Child tends to be withdrawn / outgoing
- 12:cverg07 bioagel char2 Child tends to be focused / easily distracted
- 12:cverg08 bioagel char3 Child tends to be obstinate / obedient
- 12:cverg09 bioagel char4 Child tends to be quick to learn new things / to need more time
- 12:cverg10 bioagel char10 Child tends to be anxious / confident

A What's the date today?

Day

Month

Hours

Minute

A:datm bioagel age Age of child at time of survey

Interview form

Form

Interviewer:

List ID

Lfd ID

Account number

Interviewer signature