

Parent Questionnaire – Offspring

The following questions have to do with things you do with **this child** as well as things that **this child** does and ways that you react.

1. How often do you read to **this child**?

0 = Never
1 = About once a week or less
2 = More than once a week, but less than once a day
3 = One or two times a day
4 = Many times each day

2. How often do you praise **this child** by saying something like “Good for you”, “What a nice thing you did”, “Thank you”, or “That’s good going!”?

0 = Never
1 = About once a week or less
2 = More than once a week, but less than once a day
3 = One or two times a day
4 = Many times each day

3. How often do you tell **this child** about your own experience, by saying something like “I just saw a pretty bird outside”, “I exercised so hard that I got really tired”?

0 = Never
1 = About once a week or less
2 = More than once a week, but less than once a day
3 = One or two times a day
4 = Many times each day

4. How often do you and **this child** talk or play with each other, focusing attention on each other for 5 minutes or more, just for fun?

0 = Never
1 = About once a week or less
2 = More than once a week, but less than once a day
3 = One or two times a day
4 = Many times each day

5. How often do you and **this child** engage in make-believe play, where you each play the part of a character and together make up a story to act out with each other?

0 = Never
1 = About once a week or less
2 = More than once a week, but less than once a day
3 = One or two times a day
4 = Many times each day

6. How often do you and **this child** laugh together?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = About once a week or less
- 2 = More than once a week, but less than once a day
- 3 = One or two times a day
- 4 = Many times each day

7. How often do you wish you didn't have to spend so much time with **this child**?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = About once a week or less
- 2 = More than once a week, but less than once a day
- 3 = One or two times a day
- 4 = Many times each day

8. How often do you tell **this child** you will leave them if they don't behave better?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = About once a week or less
- 2 = More than once a week, but less than once a day
- 3 = One or two times a day
- 4 = Many times each day

9. How often do you tell **this child** they are bad or are not as good as others?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = About once a week or less
- 2 = More than once a week, but less than once a day
- 3 = One or two times a day
- 4 = Many times each day

10. How often do you do something special with **this child** that they enjoy?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = About once a week or less
- 2 = More than once a week, but less than once a day
- 3 = One or two times a day
- 4 = Many times each day

11. How often do you play games or do hobbies with **this child**?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = About once a week or less
- 2 = More than once a week, but less than once a day
- 3 = One or two times a day
- 4 = Many times each day

Now we know that when parents spend time with their children some of the time things go well and some of the time they don't go well. I would like you to indicate the proportion of the time that each situation occurs:

12. When you and **this child** set out to do something fun together, how often does it actually turn out to be fun?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = Less than half the time
- 2 = About half the time
- 3 = More than half the time
- 4 = All the time

13. What fraction of the time are you too worn out and exhausted to do something fun with **this child**?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = Less than half the time
- 2 = About half the time
- 3 = More than half the time
- 4 = All the time

14. Of all the times that you talk to **this child** about their behavior, what fraction are praise?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = Less than half the time
- 2 = About half the time
- 3 = More than half the time
- 4 = All the time

15. Of all the times that you talk to **this child** about their behavior, what fraction are disapproval?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = Less than half the time
- 2 = About half the time
- 3 = More than half the time
- 4 = All the time

16. When you give **this child** a command or order to do something, what fraction of the time do you make sure they do it?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = Less than half the time
- 2 = About half the time
- 3 = More than half the time
- 4 = All the time

17. If you tell **this child** s/he will be punished if s/he doesn't stop doing something, and s/he keeps doing it, how often will you punish them?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = Less than half the time
- 2 = About half the time
- 3 = More than half the time
- 4 = All the time

18. How often does **this child** "get away" with things for which you feel they should have been punished?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = Less than half the time
- 2 = About half the time
- 3 = More than half the time
- 4 = All the time

19. How often do you get angry when you punish **this child**?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = Less than half the time
- 2 = About half the time
- 3 = More than half the time
- 4 = All the time

20. How often do you feel that the kind of punishment you give **this child** depends on your mood?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = Less than half the time
- 2 = About half the time
- 3 = More than half the time
- 4 = All the time

21. How much of the time do you feel confident that you can change or correct **this child's** misbehavior?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = Less than half the time
- 2 = About half the time
- 3 = More than half the time
- 4 = All the time

22. How often do you feel you are having problems managing **this child** in general?

- 0 = Never

- 1 = Less than half the time
- 2 = About half the time
- 3 = More than half the time
- 4 = All the time

23. How often is **this child** able to get out if a punishment when they really put their minds to it?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = Less than half the time
- 2 = About half the time
- 3 = More than half the time
- 4 = All the time

24. How often when you discipline **this child**, does s/he ignore the punishment?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = Less than half the time
- 2 = About half the time
- 3 = More than half the time
- 4 = All the time

25. How often do you have to discipline **this child** repeatedly for the same thing?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = Less than half the time
- 2 = About half the time
- 3 = More than half the time
- 4 = All the time

The following questions are for two-parent families only. If the family is not a 2-parent family, enter NA (Not Applicable) for the next 2 questions.

26. If there is a discipline problem with **this child**, how often do the two of you (parents) agree on what to do?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = Less than half the time
- 2 = About half the time
- 3 = More than half the time
- 4 = All the time
- 5 = Not Applicable

27. If there is a discipline problem with **this child**, how often do generally go along with what your partner has done?

- 0 = Never
- 1 = Less than half the time

- 2 = About half the time
- 3 = More than half the time
- 4 = All the time
- 5 = Not Applicable

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