

# Early Literacy and Numeracy Activities Before Beginning Primary School Scale, Fourth Grade

The Early Literacy and Numeracy Activities Before Beginning Primary School (ELN) scale was created based on parents' frequency of doing the sixteen activities described below.

## Items in the TIMSS 2015 Early Literacy and Numeracy Activities Before Beginning Primary School Scale, Fourth Grade

		Before your child began primary/elementary school, how often did you or someone else in your home do the following activities with him or her?		
		Often	Sometimes	Never or almost never
T	ASBH02A	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
T	ASBH02B	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
T	ASBH02C	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
T	ASBH02D	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
T	ASBH02E	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
T	ASBH02F	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
T	ASBH02G	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
T	ASBH02H	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
T	ASBH02I	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
T	ASBH02J	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
T	ASBH02K	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
T	ASBH02L	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
T	ASBH02M	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
T	ASBH02N	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
T	ASBH02O	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	ASBH02P	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

T Trend item—item was included in the same scale in TIMSS 2011 and was used for linking the TIMSS 2011 and TIMSS 2015 scales.

**Item Parameters for the TIMSS 2015 Early Literacy and Numeracy Activities Before Beginning Primary School Scale, Fourth Grade**

Item	delta	tau_1	tau_2	Infit
ASBH02A	-0.32169	-1.40660	1.40660	1.01
ASBH02B	-0.20513	-1.37557	1.37557	1.00
ASBH02C	0.10661	-1.03171	1.03171	1.17
ASBH02D	0.25379	-1.05591	1.05591	0.94
ASBH02E	-0.76183	-1.25727	1.25727	1.09
ASBH02F	0.35496	-1.37009	1.37009	1.03
ASBH02G	0.47225	-1.25920	1.25920	0.93
ASBH02H	0.01255	-1.16783	1.16783	0.99
ASBH02I	0.19765	-1.01939	1.01939	1.00
ASBH02J	0.48348	-1.02734	1.02734	1.01
ASBH02K	0.39214	-1.07179	1.07179	0.89
ASBH02L	-0.60000	-1.25574	1.25574	0.90
ASBH02M	-0.28391	-1.03163	1.03163	0.95
ASBH02N	-0.32170	-0.85306	0.85306	1.02
ASBH02O	0.30628	-1.16501	1.16501	1.08
ASBH02P	-0.08545	-1.21120	1.21120	1.02

SOURCE: IEA's Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study – TIMSS 2015

**Scale Transformation Constants for the TIMSS 2015 Early Literacy and Numeracy Activities Before Beginning Primary School Scale, Fourth Grade**

**Scale Transformation Constants**

A = 8.435922

B = 1.454568

Transformed Scale Score = 8.435922 + 1.454568 • Logit Scale Score

**Equivalence Table of Raw and Transformed Scale Scores for the TIMSS  
2015 for the TIMSS 2015 Early Literacy and Numeracy Activities Before  
Beginning Primary School Scale, Fourth Grade**

Raw Score	Transformed Scale Score	Cutpoint
0	1.52118	
1	3.21261	
2	4.05217	
3	4.63893	
4	5.10326	
5	5.49791	
6	5.84602	
7	6.16205	
8	6.45508	6.5
9	6.73118	
10	6.99414	
11	7.24849	
12	7.49560	
13	7.73744	
14	7.97558	
15	8.21137	
16	8.44607	
17	8.68032	
18	8.91562	
19	9.15294	
20	9.39354	
21	9.63897	
22	9.89110	
23	10.15236	
24	10.42416	10.4
25	10.71309	
26	11.02427	
27	11.36672	
28	11.75490	
29	12.21205	
30	12.79071	
31	13.62125	
32	15.30297	

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**Cronbach's Alpha Reliability Coefficient and Principal Components Analysis of the Items in the TIMSS 2015 Early Literacy and Numeracy Activities Before Beginning Primary School Scale, Fourth Grade**

Country	Cronbach's Alpha Reliability Coefficient	Percent of Variance Explained	Component Loadings for Each Item															
			ASBHQ2A	ASBHQ2B	ASBHQ2C	ASBHQ2D	ASBHQ2E	ASBHQ2F	ASBHQ2G	ASBHQ2H	ASBHQ2I	ASBHQ2J	ASBHQ2K	ASBHQ2L	ASBHQ2M	ASBHQ2N	ASBHQ2O	ASBHQ2P
Australia	0.90	40	0.59	0.60	0.54	0.70	0.48	0.61	0.70	0.66	0.65	0.68	0.73	0.68	0.66	0.55	0.57	0.64
Bahrain	0.84	30	0.47	0.48	0.36	0.62	0.43	0.44	0.61	0.60	0.56	0.56	0.69	0.60	0.59	0.57	0.56	0.57
Belgium (Flemish)	0.84	29	0.45	0.44	0.45	0.60	0.35	0.43	0.65	0.59	0.59	0.62	0.66	0.64	0.53	0.46	0.51	0.57
Bulgaria	0.93	47	0.69	0.67	0.45	0.75	0.61	0.71	0.70	0.76	0.68	0.63	0.75	0.74	0.75	0.69	0.63	0.73
Canada	0.89	38	0.57	0.57	0.47	0.69	0.46	0.59	0.68	0.66	0.62	0.65	0.72	0.68	0.66	0.55	0.51	0.63
Chile	0.88	35	0.51	0.55	0.45	0.66	0.44	0.56	0.67	0.65	0.56	0.67	0.72	0.58	0.63	0.60	0.49	0.61
Chinese Taipei	0.90	40	0.61	0.61	0.52	0.65	0.52	0.54	0.64	0.56	0.65	0.73	0.74	0.74	0.72	0.70	0.48	0.64
Croatia	0.84	30	0.51	0.53	0.38	0.63	0.42	0.59	0.58	0.59	0.55	0.55	0.68	0.59	0.58	0.47	0.43	0.59
Cyprus	0.89	37	0.56	0.54	0.48	0.70	0.46	0.59	0.68	0.64	0.57	0.61	0.74	0.65	0.65	0.58	0.66	0.61
Czech Republic	0.82	27	0.38	0.45	0.40	0.61	0.43	0.54	0.54	0.58	0.52	0.53	0.67	0.61	0.51	0.45	0.44	0.60
Denmark	0.84	30	0.49	0.52	0.44	0.61	0.44	0.61	0.65	0.61	0.55	0.61	0.61	0.60	0.49	0.41	0.44	0.58
England	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Finland	0.84	29	0.45	0.50	0.39	0.59	0.41	0.57	0.59	0.62	0.59	0.52	0.62	0.62	0.54	0.43	0.50	0.63
France	0.83	29	0.50	0.49	0.43	0.63	0.38	0.50	0.61	0.61	0.52	0.58	0.65	0.62	0.54	0.45	0.41	0.58
Georgia	0.81	27	0.55	0.44	0.33	0.61	0.34	0.46	0.57	0.56	0.55	0.55	0.69	0.53	0.56	0.59	0.36	0.53
Germany	0.83	28	0.41	0.50	0.42	0.59	0.34	0.48	0.62	0.57	0.59	0.61	0.67	0.59	0.53	0.42	0.45	0.56
Hong Kong SAR	0.88	37	0.58	0.59	0.51	0.68	0.42	0.49	0.67	0.54	0.60	0.69	0.73	0.69	0.70	0.65	0.48	0.59
Hungary	0.82	28	0.44	0.46	0.38	0.64	0.37	0.47	0.63	0.57	0.60	0.68	0.57	0.52	0.41	0.44	0.57	-
Indonesia	0.88	36	0.51	0.49	0.51	0.63	0.56	0.61	0.65	0.63	0.59	0.64	0.64	0.63	0.65	0.63	0.59	0.59
Iran, Islamic Rep. of	0.88	35	0.58	0.52	0.50	0.64	0.47	0.55	0.66	0.63	0.62	0.58	0.67	0.60	0.63	0.58	0.62	0.59
Ireland	0.88	36	0.53	0.55	0.47	0.67	0.43	0.55	0.66	0.64	0.63	0.65	0.72	0.67	0.68	0.58	0.51	0.64
Italy	0.83	29	0.39	0.46	0.36	0.68	0.34	0.47	0.57	0.64	0.56	0.59	0.67	0.60	0.56	0.50	0.40	0.60
Japan	0.87	33	0.49	0.52	0.50	0.58	0.49	0.55	0.65	0.65	0.61	0.61	0.64	0.67	0.58	0.50	0.50	0.66
Jordan	0.86	33	0.44	0.52	0.45	0.64	0.50	0.46	0.62	0.63	0.56	0.61	0.69	0.59	0.59	0.58	0.59	0.61
Kazakhstan	0.85	31	0.53	0.45	0.43	0.62	0.47	0.53	0.57	0.55	0.53	0.56	0.68	0.56	0.62	0.59	0.62	0.56
Korea, Rep. of	0.90	40	0.55	0.48	0.48	0.65	0.50	0.59	0.72	0.69	0.70	0.72	0.75	0.75	0.66	0.59	0.48	0.68
Kuwait	0.85	31	0.46	0.45	0.34	0.63	0.40	0.44	0.60	0.61	0.56	0.57	0.69	0.59	0.63	0.56	0.56	0.62
Lithuania	0.84	30	0.54	0.48	0.39	0.66	0.48	0.60	0.63	0.59	0.42	0.56	0.70	0.59	0.55	0.53	0.41	0.56
Morocco	0.92	45	0.67	0.63	0.57	0.71	0.62	0.67	0.70	0.74	0.70	0.65	0.74	0.60	0.69	0.66	0.67	0.72
Netherlands	0.86	32	0.44	0.51	0.45	0.70	0.39	0.48	0.71	0.65	0.52	0.65	0.69	0.65	0.55	0.40	0.49	0.61
New Zealand	0.90	39	0.54	0.59	0.53	0.68	0.49	0.61	0.69	0.65	0.65	0.69	0.71	0.69	0.66	0.57	0.58	0.63
Northern Ireland	0.89	38	0.54	0.56	0.51	0.67	0.48	0.63	0.70	0.65	0.64	0.63	0.70	0.62	0.66	0.60	0.59	0.61
Norway (5)	0.87	34	0.52	0.54	0.44	0.67	0.45	0.61	0.70	0.63	0.59	0.64	0.69	0.63	0.55	0.42	0.51	0.60
Oman	0.83	29	0.49	0.47	0.21	0.61	0.38	0.51	0.59	0.58	0.59	0.50	0.65	0.52	0.57	0.58	0.60	0.57
Poland	0.85	32	0.48	0.49	0.46	0.65	0.50	0.59	0.62	0.58	0.58	0.59	0.71	0.61	0.51	0.47	0.48	0.62
Portugal	0.86	32	0.57	0.57	0.45	0.64	0.41	0.54	0.65	0.59	0.49	0.57	0.71	0.65	0.62	0.56	0.47	0.55
Qatar	0.87	33	0.50	0.52	0.38	0.63	0.47	0.49	0.61	0.60	0.58	0.60	0.70	0.65	0.65	0.59	0.55	0.62
Russian Federation	0.88	36	0.60	0.50	0.46	0.66	0.57	0.60	0.63	0.63	0.52	0.59	0.70	0.61	0.61	0.60	0.58	0.64
Saudi Arabia	0.85	31	0.43	0.47	0.22	0.62	0.49	0.45	0.65	0.62	0.57	0.55	0.71	0.53	0.60	0.59	0.62	0.61
Serbia	0.87	33	0.53	0.55	0.51	0.63	0.48	0.55	0.62	0.60	0.58	0.59	0.67	0.62	0.59	0.56	0.55	0.58
Singapore	0.91	43	0.62	0.62	0.55	0.69	0.53	0.58	0.66	0.68	0.69	0.69	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.66	0.56	0.66
Slovak Republic	0.86	33	0.51	0.52	0.36	0.65	0.52	0.61	0.60	0.59	0.60	0.61	0.69	0.62	0.62	0.55	0.46	0.61
Slovenia	0.86	32	0.47	0.55	0.51	0.65	0.46	0.60	0.64	0.61	0.58	0.63	0.65	0.60	0.54	0.37	0.44	0.64
South Africa (5)	0.89	36	0.61	0.50	0.44	0.63	0.52	0.61	0.63	0.64	0.65	0.60	0.68	0.61	0.67	0.60	0.56	0.60
Spain	0.84	30	0.50	0.53	0.46	0.65	0.35	0.44	0.61	0.61	0.55	0.57	0.69	0.54	0.63	0.57	0.42	0.58
Sweden	0.85	32	0.46	0.49	0.43	0.65	0.43	0.57	0.67	0.63	0.61	0.63	0.70	0.60	0.56	0.44	0.45	0.60
Turkey	0.90	40	0.64	0.64	0.47	0.61	0.60	0.67	0.67	0.65	0.69	0.65	0.68	0.65	0.70	0.56	0.54	0.65
United Arab Emirates	0.86	33	0.46	0.48	0.38	0.64	0.46	0.48	0.60	0.60	0.56	0.62	0.70	0.65	0.66	0.62	0.54	0.61
United States	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Benchmarking Participants</b>																		
Buenos Aires, Argentina	0.85	31	0.48	0.48	0.44	0.69	0.41	0.51	0.69	0.63	0.46	0.53	0.67	0.49	0.63	0.57	0.52	0.54
Ontario, Canada	0.89	38	0.57	0.59	0.47	0.69	0.48	0.60	0.69	0.65	0.64	0.65	0.73	0.68	0.68	0.59	0.55	0.61
Quebec, Canada	0.87	34	0.54	0.55	0.43	0.67	0.43	0.53	0.66	0.64	0.58	0.64	0.69	0.66	0.63	0.48	0.48	0.62
Norway (4)	0.86	33	0.50	0.47	0.46	0.68	0.41	0.62	0.68	0.65	0.56	0.64	0.72	0.62	0.52	0.42	0.47	0.62
Abu Dhabi, UAE	0.86	33	0.46	0.48	0.35	0.63	0.47	0.48	0.62	0.60	0.55	0.62	0.70	0.66	0.66	0.64	0.57	0.64
Dubai, UAE	0.87	34	0.52	0.51	0.42	0.65	0.46	0.49	0.61	0.59	0.60	0.63	0.71	0.66	0.67	0.60	0.49	0.58
Florida, US	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

A dash (-) indicates comparable data not available.

**Relationship Between the TIMSS 2015 Early Literacy and Numeracy Activities Before Beginning Primary School Scale, Fourth Grade, and TIMSS 2015 Achievement**

Country	Pearson's Correlation with Achievement				Variance in Achievement Accounted for by Difference Between Regions of the Scale ( $\eta^2$ )	
	(r)		(r <sup>2</sup> )			
	Mathematics	Science	Mathematics	Science	Mathematics	Science
Australia	0.15	0.19	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.03
Bahrain	0.19	0.19	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03
Belgium (Flemish)	0.10	0.11	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Bulgaria	0.25	0.33	0.06	0.11	0.05	0.10
Canada	0.13	0.19	0.02	0.04	0.01	0.03
Chile	0.21	0.22	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.03
Chinese Taipei	0.21	0.22	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04
Croatia	0.19	0.21	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03
Cyprus	0.18	0.24	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.04
Czech Republic	0.08	0.07	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Denmark	0.14	0.12	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01
England	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finland	0.12	0.16	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02
France	0.16	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02
Georgia	0.07	0.10	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01
Germany	0.08	0.08	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Hong Kong SAR	0.20	0.20	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Hungary	0.14	0.13	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03
Indonesia	0.17	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02
Iran, Islamic Rep. of	0.25	0.25	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.04
Ireland	0.20	0.21	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03
Italy	0.13	0.15	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01
Japan	0.18	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02
Jordan	0.25	-	0.06	-	0.05	-
Kazakhstan	0.12	0.14	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
Korea, Rep. of	0.27	0.24	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.05
Kuwait	0.15	0.17	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02
Lithuania	0.11	0.09	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Morocco	0.12	0.17	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.03
Netherlands	0.01	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
New Zealand	0.21	0.23	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04
Northern Ireland	0.17	0.20	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.02
Norway (5)	0.18	0.18	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02
Oman	0.17	0.20	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.03
Poland	0.13	0.13	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01
Portugal	0.17	0.19	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.03
Qatar	0.23	0.23	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04
Russian Federation	0.12	0.16	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.01
Saudi Arabia	0.05	0.09	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
Serbia	0.20	0.20	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.06
Singapore	0.19	0.22	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.04
Slovak Republic	0.14	0.12	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Slovenia	0.10	0.11	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
South Africa (5)	0.23	-	0.05	-	0.05	-
Spain	0.18	0.20	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03
Sweden	0.15	0.14	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01
Turkey	0.38	0.38	0.15	0.15	0.13	0.13
United Arab Emirates	0.21	0.23	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04
United States	-	-	-	-	-	-
International Median	0.17	0.18	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03
<b>Benchmarking Participants</b>						
Buenos Aires, Argentina	0.25	0.24	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.03
Ontario, Canada	0.15	0.19	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.03
Quebec, Canada	0.16	0.18	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02
Norway (4)	0.17	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03
Abu Dhabi, UAE	0.20	0.21	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03
Dubai, UAE	0.22	0.23	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04
Florida, US	-	-	-	-	-	-

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