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Reading Aid

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

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<th>Interviewer instruction</th>
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<td>Q72</td>
<td>Now we would like to know something about you personally. Were you born in Germany?</td>
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<td>What country were you born in?</td>
<td>Please enter the current name!</td>
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<td>Q73:intA2</td>
<td>bio i0016 Country Of Birth</td>
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Here, in addition to the question number, question text, interviewer instructions, and answer options, you find printed in green the dataset 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].
**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 __________

**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  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:bstor02 bioagel ill12 chronic bronchitis
6:bstor03 bioagel ill13 spastic / acute bronchitis
6:bstor04 bioagel ill14 pseudocroup / croup syndrome
6:bstor05 bioagel ill12 middle-ear inflammation
6:bstor06 bioagel ill31 hayfever
6:bstor07 bioagel ill14 neurodermatitis
6:bstor08 bioagel ill5 vision impairment
6:bstor09 bioagel ill6 hearing impairment
6:bstor10 bioagel ill7 nutritional disorders
6:bstor11 bioagel ill8 motor impairment
6:bstor12 bioagel ill9 other impairments or disorders

6:bstor13 bioagel illno No Confirmed Disorder

7 What is your child's current height and weight?
Weight in kilograms
Height in centimeters
7:bgew bioagel weight childs weight in kg
7:bgro bioagel height Child - Height In Cm

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
8:bsit1 bioagel care1h cared for by partner (in h/week)
8:bsit2 bioagel care2h cared for by childs father (if not resident of same household) (in h/week)
8:bsit3 bioagel care3h cared for by grandparents (in h/week)
8:bsit4 bioagel care4h cared for by older siblings (in h/week)
8:bsit5 bioagel care5h cared for by other relatives (in h/week)
8:bsit6 bioagel care6h cared for in family day care (in h/week)
8:bsit7 bioagel care7h cared for by babysitter (in h/week)
8:bsit8 bioagel care8h cared for in creche/day nursery (in h/week)
8:bsit9 bioagel care12h cared for by others (in h/week)
8:bsitno bioagel care19 no others cared for, only mother
### Hours

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#### Care

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<td>care2h</td>
<td>cared for by child's father (if not resident of same household) (in h/week)</td>
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<td>cared for by babysitter (in h/week)</td>
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<td>cared for by others (in h/week)</td>
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**9** How many times in the last 14 days have you or the main caregiver engaged in the following activities with your child?

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<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>
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<td>Taking walks outdoors</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</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>2</td>
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<td>Looking at picture books</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Going to the playground</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Visiting other families with children</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Going shopping with the child</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Watching television or videos with the child</td>
<td>1</td>
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#### Activities

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<th>9:baktiv1</th>
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<td>bioagel activ3</td>
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<td>9:baktiv4</td>
<td>bioagel activ4</td>
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<td>bioagel activ5</td>
<td>looking at picture books (times during last 14 days)</td>
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<td>9:baktiv6</td>
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<td>9:baktiv7</td>
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<td>9:baktiv8</td>
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<td>going shopping with child (no. of times during last 14 days)</td>
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<td>9:baktiv9</td>
<td>bioagel activ9</td>
<td>watching television/videos with child (times during last 14 days)</td>
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Is your child allowed to watch television or videos alone, without adult supervision?

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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.

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<td>is rather focused</td>
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<td>is rather disobedient</td>
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<td>rather understands quickly</td>
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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:

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<td>Speaks in full sentences (with four or more words)</td>
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<td>Follows instructions, five minutes after hearing them.</td>
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<td>Can state his/her first and last name if someone asks for it.</td>
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<td>Listens attentively to a story for 15 minutes or longer</td>
<td>1 2 3</td>
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<td>Passes on simple messages such as “dinner is ready”</td>
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Everyday skills:

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<td>Uses a spoon to eat, without assistance and without dripping</td>
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<td>Blows his/her nose without assistance</td>
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<td>Uses the toilet to do “number two”</td>
<td>1 2 3</td>
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<td>Put on pants and underpants the right way around</td>
<td>1 2 3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Brushes his/her teeth without assistance</td>
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Movement:
Yes  Partly  No
Walks forwards down the stairs  
Climbs up playground climbing equipment and other high playground structures  
Cuts paper with scissors  
Paints/draws recognizable shapes on paper  
Can hold a pencil correctly  
Participates in games with other children  
Gets involved in role-playing games (“playing pretend”)  
Shows a special liking for particular playmates or friends  
Is able to name his/her own feelings, e.g., “sad”, “happy”, “scared”  
Takes turns when playing without being asked.

13 Do you or other household members speak only German to your child, or do you also speak another language to him/her?

German only  
Another language as well  
Only another language  
Other language: 

A What date do we have today?

Day  
Month  
Hour  
Minute  
Interview form

A:form  

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