

**8th Grade
Business Class
Packets
#11-16**

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18. Challenges in the Classroom

For each of the characteristic statements, put a mark (✓ or X) in the column that best describes you.

CHARACTERISTIC	YES	NO	SOMETIMES
I have a hard time paying attention in class.			
I'm easily distracted by noises and movements.			
It's difficult for me to memorize information.			
It's difficult for me to participate in class discussions.			
I forget what I'm supposed to do after instruction.			
I have trouble figuring out new words.			
I have difficulty understanding what I read.			
Reading out loud is embarrassing for me.			
I can learn to spell words, but then I forget the correct spelling.			
Taking notes is hard for me.			
My handwriting is hard to read.			
I have trouble writing sentences and paragraphs.			
I have difficulty organizing my thoughts in an essay.			
I forget how to do math calculations.			
Math word problems are hard for me.			
My memory for math facts is poor.			
I forget materials I need for class.			
I lose track of time and don't finish tasks.			
I misunderstand what people say to me.			
I miss important information when I listen.			
I have trouble writing notes and listening to the teacher at the same time.			
I have a hard time saying what I mean.			
I am easily frustrated with schoolwork.			
Working in groups is hard for me.			

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29. Tech Basics

Directions: For each item, first put a mark (✓ or ✗) in the box that best matches how well you can do it. Next, put a check in the "Things to work on" circle for each item you need to work on.

	Can you do it?			Things to work on
	Yes	No	A little or with help	
Internet				
1. I can do online searches and figure out the results for career and education searches (such as finding jobs, colleges, or training programs).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. I can do online searches and figure out the results for daily living searches (such as finding bus routes or a house/apartment).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. I can do online searches and figure out the results for shopping and recreation (such as buying things online or finding movie times).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. I can create a username and password for security and privacy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. I can download, upload, and attach electronic documents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. I can fill out online forms.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Communication				
7. I can use word processing software (such as Microsoft Word) to make and change documents for school and work.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. I can use presentation software (such as PowerPoint) to make and change presentations for school and work.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. I can use a cell phone to make calls.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. I can use a cell phone to send texts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. I can use email.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. I can use social networking sites (such as Facebook) for communication.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Daily Living				
13. I can use ATMs to make withdrawals and deposits and find out my balance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14. I can pay for my purchases in stores using debit or credit card machines.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15. I can use home entertainment tools (such as remote controls, MP3 and DVD players, and cable TV).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16. I can check and change home heating and cooling controls (such as thermostats or air conditioners).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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32. Spending and Saving Money

Choose the response that best describes you.

- | A lot like me | Somewhat like me | Not at all like me | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | I never seem to have money. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | I would rather save my money than spend it. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | I often brag about how much money I have. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Whenever I have money, I always find something to spend it on. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | I'm good at saving my money for something I really want. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Money isn't that important to me. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | I like having money, but I don't like working for it. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | I don't like to spend my money even if it's on something I really want. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | I can never save enough money to buy something that costs \$100. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | I often owe money to a friend. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | A friend often owes me money. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | I usually shop around for a good deal. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | I should probably never get a credit card because I'll spend too much. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | I stick to a budget, spending money only on budgeted items. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | I know how to open and use a checking or savings account. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | I know how to use an ATM. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | I know how to write a check. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | I know how to apply for and use a credit card. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | I know how to pay bills. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | I know how to make purchases online. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | I know how to stay out of debt. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | I know how to use a debit card. |

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36. Finding and Using the Places That Provide What I Need

Directions: Fill in the blanks, using your own experience, information from the yellow pages of your local telephone directory, or information from the Internet. Give the names of the stores or places of business and a street address.

Where would I go if I need to buy or rent...?

A good quality shampoo and conditioner _____

A pet _____

Aspirin or ibuprofen _____

A stamp for a letter _____

A carpet-shampooing machine _____

Balloons for a party _____

A laptop computer _____

A pumpkin for Halloween _____

A book not available in the library or a local bookstore _____

A movie or DVD _____

Where would I go to get...?

My cell phone repaired _____

My teeth cleaned and checked _____

A paycheck cashed _____

Flowers for a special person _____

A state roadmap _____

Medical treatment for a brown recluse spider bite _____

Eyeglasses or contact lenses _____

A flu shot _____

My shoes repaired _____

A prescription filled _____

What is...?

Craigslist _____

eBay _____

consumersearch.com _____

Select one of the following to describe what kind of information you could use:

pricegrabber.com

shopzilla.com

shopper.com

shopping.yahoo.com

41. Recreation Interests (Indoor Version)

Put a mark (✓ or X) in front of any activities that you like or would like to try.

Solo Indoor Activities

- Singing
- Playing computer games
- Playing video games/virtual reality
- Completing a puzzle
- Making a photo album or scrapbook
- Listening to an audiobook
- Reading a book/magazine/newspaper
- Completing a model airplane or similar project
- Doing arts and crafts
- Playing a musical instrument
- Cooking
- Sewing
- Taking a class for fun
- Playing solitary card games
- Exercising at home or a gym
- Dancing
- Writing songs, poems, or stories
- Painting/drawing/doodling
- Listening to music
- Watching television or a movie
- Writing a letter or an email
- Applying fingernail polish or makeup
- Arranging flowers
- Playing with a pet
- Going shopping alone
- Volunteering

- Talking/texting on the phone
- Social networking (e.g., Facebook)
- Other: _____

Team/Group Indoor Activities

- Playing board games
- Playing charades
- Singing together or in a choir
- Playing cards
- Cooking together
- Quilting with a group
- Bowling
- Watching a movie together
- Dancing
- Socializing (e.g., hanging out with friends)
- Playing video games together
- Taking a group fitness class
- Weight lifting
- Going shopping together
- Other: _____

Indoor Entertainment Events

- Attending a comedy club or live performance
- Attending a musical performance
- Attending an indoor sporting event
- Visiting a museum, exhibit, or art gallery
- Watching a movie in the theater
- Other: _____

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42. Recreation Interests (Outdoor Version)

Put a mark (✓ or X) in front of any activities that you like or would like to try.

Solo Outdoor Activities

- Bird-watching
- Working on/fixing a car
- Doing yard work/mowing the yard
- Building a tree house or other structure
- Running an obstacle course
- Grilling food outside alone
- Playing an outdoor game alone
- Playing with sporting equipment (e.g., shooting hoops, kicking soccer balls)
- Exercising outdoors
- Playing water sports (e.g., surfing, kayaking)
- Skiing or sledding
- Playing with a pet
- Driving (e.g., car, motorcycle, 4-wheeler)
- Flying a kite
- Hiking/walking
- Fishing/hunting alone
- Swimming
- Bicycling
- Running
- Swinging
- Gardening
- Going to the park alone
- Sunbathing
- Other: _____

Team/Group Outdoor Activities

- Exercising together
- Playing a group swimming game
- Playing a game of baseball, golf, kickball, hide-and-seek, volleyball, etc.
- Christmas caroling
- Playing golf or miniature golf
- Fishing/hunting with a group
- Camping
- Bicycling with a group
- Taking a group car ride
- Stargazing
- Barbecuing
- Going on a picnic
- Boating, sailing, canoeing, or tubing
- Going to the park together
- Horseback riding
- Other: _____

Outdoor Entertainment Events

- Attending an outdoor sporting event
- Attending a festival or fair
- Watching an outdoor live concert
- Watching a play or musical in an outdoor arena or park
- Going to the zoo
- Visiting an amusement or water park
- Other: _____