

Digital and media literacy questionnaire results for Poland

The questionnaire “Digital and media literacy” was organised among the students in our school in November 2020. 107 of them responded, 61 girls and 49 boys. Only one person was 12-13 years old, the rest of the students were divided evenly between those aged 14-16 (51.4%) and over 16 (47.7%).

- **Question 3:** Do you like going to school?

Only 7.5% of people don't like going to school. For most of them (63.6%) it depends on the day. 29% of students chose that they definitely like going to school.

- **Question 4:** Complete the sentence: "I go to school..."

Among 107 answers, there were 2 which were chosen the most often, namely “to meet my friends” (71% of students) and “to have a better future” (70.1% of students) It means that school is a place, where you can socialize and not only learn, also talk with friends and meet new colleagues. As you can see, school is a place, which, in the opinion of students, gives you an opportunity to have a better life in the future. Young people go to school for other reasons too, for example: “to learn new things” (63.6% of students). The least frequently marked answer was “because I like it” (only 7.5% of students).

- **Question 5:** What do you like at school?

Out of 107 students, most of them (87.9%) like school because they can spend time with their friends, school is a place where you can meet new people and learn to socialize. The second most frequently chosen answer was that they like school because they can learn new things (72.9%). The least chosen answer had only 3.7% - only 4 students said they like extracurricular activities at school.

- **Question 6:** What don't you like at school?

Out of 107, most of them (57.9%) don't like school because of the learning process, books or lessons. It's probably really tiring and the learning systems are often overloaded with material and the topics are difficult for the students. The second most disliked thing was student-teacher relationship (27.1%) and how everyone is treated.

- **Question 7:** In your opinion, what has to be changed to make school a better place for children?

Most of the respondents, over 73%, think that to make school a better place for children we should find more interesting ways of teaching and we agree with that, because it may be really boring for children to spend so much time sitting and making notes. Less than 28% blame it on relations between students and teachers.

- **Question 8:** How often do you use the Internet?

Almost everyone, because 98,1% of them, answered that they used the Internet every day. The rest of them said that they used the Internet four or five times a week.

- **Question 9:** How many hours do you spend on the Internet?

38.3% of them said that they spent from one to three hours. 36.4% of them said that they spent from three to six hours. Almost one quarter, because 23.4% of them, answered that they

spent there over six hours. Only 1.9% answered that they spent less than one hour on the Internet. It is clear that it would be hard for our students to function without the Internet.

- **Question 10:** What do you do on the Internet?" (the question had more than 1 answer)

Most of them answered that they listen to music – 93 choices (86.9%). Next was Skype, Viber and Messenger – 86 answers (80.4%), then Facebook and Instagram – 82 (76.6%). So, a lot of time is devoted to entertainment. However, learning had 79 answers (73.8%), which shows that the Internet is an important source of factual information for our students. Watching clips and news had the same amount of choices – 52 (48.6%), playing games had 50 answers (46.7%). Downloading files had only 19 (17.8%) and it was similar for downloading films - 14 choices (13.1%). Probably they watch films in streaming or on platforms like Netflix or HBO. Only 4 answers were chosen for other things (3.7%)

- **Question 11:** Which applications do you use on the Internet?

The most frequently chosen applications were: YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and Messenger. Also, many respondents indicated that they use Spotify, Snapchat, Netflix, Tik Tok and Teams. This year Teams is our school platform for online learning, so everyone actually has to use it.

The respondents also replied that they use: Email/Gmail, Player, Vod, Skype, Pinterest, Sound Cloud, Reddit, Twitter, Twitch, HBO, Vulcan, Steam, Zoom, Google, Endomondo, Translator, Discord, Firefox, Orgin, Chrome, Microsoft Word, Vinted, Among us, Olx, Allegro, Otomoto, Pornhub, BuzzFeed, Tumblr and apps for the news. There is a real multitude of apps!

- **Question 12:** What personal information do you share on Internet?

Almost everyone answered that they shared information about their name - 98 choices (91.6%). Most of our students answered that they shared also information about their age - 75 choices (70.1%). Almost half of the respondents share information about city where they live - 54 choices (50.5%). Also almost half of people who participated in the questionnaire indicated information about the email - 51 choices (47.7%). The next option was information about the school - 44 choices (41.1%). Another personal piece of information they share is their phone number - 19 choices (17.8%). Only a few pointed to information about Skype name - 6 choices (5.6%).

Only 3 respondents answered that they didn't know which information they share (2.8%). Also 3 respondents answered that they didn't share anything concerning their personal information (2.8%). 2 of the respondents didn't answer the question (1.9%)

- **Question 13:** Which of the following activities do you use the Internet for (for the purpose of communication)?

71 out of 107 participants, use the Internet to send/receive emails, 76 use it to make phone calls or video calls, 68 participate in social networks, 34 use it to share their own content and 1 gave another answer. We can see that writing is not the main communication mode – it is as important as speaking. And we cannot live without social networks, which are also our source of different information and serve as communication platforms.

- **Question 14:** Which of the following activities do you use the Internet for (for the purpose of access to information)?

72 participants use the Internet for reading news, newspapers, magazines, while 52 use it to search for health related information. 53 use it for finding information about goods or services. 63 students use it to search information about school or education. 4 students gave another answer.

- **Question 15:** Which of the following activities have you used the Internet for with the aim of public and political participation?

49 out of 107 participants don't use the Internet with the aim of public and political participation, 44 use it for the publication of opinion on public or political topics online, and 28 report participation in online conferences, questionnaires or voting for public or political campaigns. We can see that young people are interested in what is going on in the world and want to have their say on that.

- **Question 16:** Have you used the Internet for contact with public institutions or services for some of these purposes?

45 students don't use the Internet for contact with public institutions or services, 42 report using it for receiving information from a website or an application of a public institution. 35 have used it for downloading/printing of official documents and forms, and 18 report online submission of official documents or forms. Maybe our students are not very active in this area, but they are still quite young. We think that in the future they shall use such services more often.

- **Question 17:** When was the last time when you or someone in your family purchased or ordered goods or services on the Internet?

People filling out the survey had to pick just one answer between *I have never purchased or ordered anything online*, *less than one year ago*, *between three months and one year* and *in the last three months*. The last one was chosen most often - from the 107 answers as many as 87.9% of people picked this one.

- **Question 18:** What types of goods or services have you purchased or ordered online for personal use? (multiple answers possible)

People filling out the survey were given seven categories of products/services. The category that won was clothing and accessories/shoes etc. with 88 votes. Then it was: electronics - 55 votes; home goods - 52 votes; tickets for events like concerts or cinema - 51 votes; computer or video games - 48 votes; books, magazines - 44 votes; online learning materials and foods/goods for everyday use tied with 42 votes; hotel reservations/holiday packages - 40 votes; films and music - 39 votes; computer hardware - 31 votes; telecommunication services - 23 votes; drugs and medications - 7 votes.

- **Question 19:** Have you ever used any of the following social media platforms? How often do you use them? (more than one answer is possible)

People filling out the survey had to choose answers between 1. *several times a day*, 2. *every day or almost every day*, 3. *at least once a week*, 4. *less than once a week*. There was the possibility to pick several options. Students were asked about Facebook (most common

answer: number 1. - about 35 votes), Twitter (most common answer: number 4. - almost 75 votes), Instagram (most common answer: number 1. - about 45 votes), Snapchat (most common answer: number 4. - about 30 votes, but 1. and 2. were close to this one) and LinkedIn (most common answer: number 4. - more than 100 people voted for this one).

The answers show that for our students virtual reality is as important as non-virtual one. They simply have to 'exist' online.

- **Question 20:** Do you enjoy distance learning?

People filling out the survey were supposed to pick a number 1-6 deciding on how much they enjoy online classes (1 meaning they really enjoy it and 6 that they don't like it). The majority of people chose 3 (27.1% - 29 votes), followed by 4 (24.3% - 26 votes), while 6 got the least votes (8.4% - 9 votes). It shows it is not our students' favourite way of learning and we'll probably enjoy coming back to school.

- **Question 21:** Did distance learning lead to a more frequent search for educational resources on the internet?

People filling out the survey were supposed to pick a number between 1-6 deciding on how much distance learning led to a more frequent search (1 meaning they did and 6 that they didn't). The majority of people chose 2 (26.2% - 28 votes). But quite a lot of students also chose 1 (19.6% - 21 votes), and 3 (22.4% - 24 votes). Thus, we can say that distance learning contributed to this use of the Internet resources.

- **Question 22:** Point out one or more communication channels which you prefer to use in online schooling.

People filling out the survey were given the possibility to choose multiple answers. They could choose from: Facebook, Viber, Skype, Email. The majority of people chose that their favorite channel to use is email (72% - 77 votes), the second place went to Facebook (25.2% - 27 votes). The two channels that were chosen the least were: Skype (20.6% - 22 votes) and Viber (0.9% - 1 vote). Quite a lot of votes went to the option "Other" (24.3% - 26 votes), which shows that there are more possibilities. Unfortunately, the students did not write these channels' names.

- **Question 23:** In which way would you take part in volunteer initiatives?

People filling out the survey were supposed to pick between *time (human resources)*, *funds (financial resources)*. The majority of people chose *time* (78.5% - 84 votes), which shows that they do not think only about themselves and can devote their time to others.

- **Question 24:** If you had funds, in support of which cause would you donate them?

Students filling out this survey were supposed to choose which cause they would support if they had funds, here are the options that were presented to them: *youth organisations*, *elderly*

people, people in need, entertainment and sport, scientific research and creative projects. The first most common answer with 80 votes (74.8%) was the option to help people in need. In the second place were youth organisations with 43 votes (40.2%), and in third place were creative projects with 39 votes (36.4%). The least picked answer was the option to donate money for entertainment and sport, whereas scientific research with 35 votes (32.7%) and elderly people with 26 votes (24.3%) occupied the fourth and the fifth place accordingly. In general, you can see that our students would not stay indifferent while faced with causes in need of support.

- **Question 25:** If you were given an opportunity, how would you change your community?

Students had several answers to choose from regarding a possible way to change their community. Over a half of the people (57 votes - 53.3%) voted for voluntary campaigns and 50 people (46.7%) voted for expressing opinions on current topics. Quite a lot of them would take part in protests and marches (46 votes – 43%), and they were followed by those who would choose training courses (38 votes – 35.5%). Students notice that there are many ways to “heal the world.”

- **Question 26:** How often do you come across information, which you consider to be “fake news”?

People filling out the survey were supposed to pick between *every day, several times a week, several times a month, never, I don't know what “fake news is”*. The majority of the people chose *several times a week* (43.9%), followed by 29.9% of those who encounter it every day! 18.7% said it happens to them several times a month. All in all, it shows our students' sensitivity to the issue.

For three students fake news was an unknown concept (sic!), and five of them answered they have never come across it. One may wonder if that is really true or they are not able to single fake news out...