



# Recommended Task

## Sample Interest Inventories

Two different types of interest inventories are modeled in this supplemental. Should you administer an interest inventory at your school, you may use either of these sample formats or combine them together. LAB recommends that you specify the questions to match realistic subjects or items you are considering for your collection to narrow the options you are already thinking about purchasing OR you might expand on the LAB samples to gain broader inspiration.

The results of an interest inventory can be used towards bolstering either the fiction or nonfiction sections of the school library; but, don't let inspiration from your interest inventories supplant meeting curriculum needs.



# Sample Interest Inventory #1

Would you rather visit a big city or go camping? Where?

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Would you rather watch a video or read a book?

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Would you rather play inside the house or outside in the yard?

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What would you like to learn about?

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List your favorite TV shows.

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List your favorite movies.

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Do you read newspapers? If yes, what parts? (Comics, sports, news etc.)

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Do you read magazines? If, yes, list your favorite ones.

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How do you choose a book to read? You may check more than one.

- I want to learn something.
- It's long.
- It's short.
- I like the author.
- I like the picture on the cover.
- It has big print.
- My friend recommended it.
- My teacher requires it.
- The description on the back cover.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone ever read aloud to you? If yes, when?

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Do you ever read aloud to others? If yes, when?

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What would you like to hear being read?

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If you were an actress or actor, what kinds of parts would you want to play?

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What real person would you like to learn about?

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If you were an author, what kind of books would you write?

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What books are you reading for fun right now?

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List what type of books that you like to read for pleasure.

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List what type of informational books you like to read.

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## Sample Interest Inventory #2

Check what you like to do:	Very much	Sometimes	Very little
Read adventure stories	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Build models	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play trivia games	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Go camping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about art/music/dancing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Puzzles/assignments with instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about armies/navies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Collect things	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about animals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about world events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Watch television	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Travel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about insects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read mysteries or detective stories	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ride bicycles or skateboards or skate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about the human body	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read TV guides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about painting/drawing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read comic books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about history	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about plants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play with animals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about games	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read paperback books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read romances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play board games	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about foreign lands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read science fiction or fantasy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about fashion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about judo/karate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play a musical instrument	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Go shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about famous people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read magazines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about sewing/crafts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Check what you like to do:**

**Very much      Sometimes      Very little**

Draw or paint	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about exercise or health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about space or science	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Listen to music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about cooking/food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Go to museums	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read funny books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read hardback books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about stamp collecting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Go to the movies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about real places	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about cars or motorcycles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read the funnies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Go swimming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about careers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use encyclopedias	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about made up places	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about magic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read about myths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>