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Q1. Just to confirm, how many children in your household are enrolled in school from Grade 6 through to the end of high school or CEGEP.

	Total
Base: All respondents	1306
Weighted	1306
1	786 60%
2	430 33%
3	79 6%
4	9 1%
5	2 0
Mean	1.5

Q2a_0. Age of children

	Total
Base: All respondents	1306
Weighted	1306
11 years old	158 12%
12 years old	263 20%
13 years old	251 19%
14 years old	255 20%
15 years old	277 21%
16 years old	253 19%
17 years old	225 17%
18 years old	210 16%

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Q2b_0. Grade/level of school

	Total
Base: All respondents	1306
Weighted	1306
Grade 6	292 22%
Grade 7	194 15%
Grade 8	259 20%
Grade 9	255 19%
Grade 10	282 22%
Grade 11	253 19%
Grade 12	265 20%
CEGEP	89 7%

Q3. Does your household have a personal computer or laptop set up for your child/children to use when doing their homework?

	Total
Base: All respondents	1306
Weighted	1306
Yes	1306 100%

Q4. How much time does your child spend on average per week on homework?

	Total
Base: All respondents	1306
Weighted	1306
0-2 hours	309 24%
3-5 hours	537 41%
5-10 hours	338 26%
over 10 hours	121 9%
Mean	4.8

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Q5. Do you feel the time your child spends doing their homework is ...

	Total
Base: All respondents	1306
Weighted	1306
Too little	535 41%
Just enough	636 49%
Too much	135 10%

Q6. Does your child ever express frustration at the amount of his/her homework?

	Total
Base: All respondents	1306
Weighted	1306
Yes	730 56%
No	576 44%

Q7_1. Please tell us how much (or little) you agree with the following statement ... I feel unprepared when helping my child/children with their homework

	Total
Base: All respondents	1306
Weighted	1306
10 - Completely agree	110 8%
9	72 5%
8	108 8%
7	92 7%
6	102 8%
5 - Neither agree nor disagree	236 18%
4	102 8%
3	155 12%
2	118 9%
1 - Completely disagree	211 16%
Summary	
Mean	4.9
Top4Box	382 29%
Low4Box	587 45%

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Q7_2. Please tell us how much (or little) you agree with the following statement ... Using a computer can help my child/children achieve greater academic success

	Total
Base: All respondents	1306
Weighted	1306
10 - Completely agree	365 28%
9	197 15%
8	266 20%
7	139 11%
6	84 6%
5 - Neither agree nor disagree	154 12%
4	29 2%
3	25 2%
2	20 2%
1 - Completely disagree	28 2%
Summary	
Mean	7.7
Top4Box	967 74%
Low4Box	102 8%

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Q7_3. Please tell us how much (or little) you agree with the following statement ... Internet information, collected for homework, is often of questionable quality

	Total
Base: All respondents	1306
Weighted	1306
10 - Completely agree	73 6%
9	51 4%
8	141 11%
7	142 11%
6	122 9%
5 - Neither agree nor disagree	327 25%
4	158 12%
3	130 10%
2	73 6%
1 - Completely disagree	88 7%
Summary	
Mean	5.3
Top4Box	408 31%
Low4Box	449 34%

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Q7_4. Please tell us how much (or little) you agree with the following statement ... It takes too long to find factual information on the Internet, which is suitable for my child/children homework needs.

	Total
Base: All respondents	1306
Weighted	1306
10 - Completely agree	55 4%
9	58 4%
8	120 9%
7	107 8%
6	91 7%
5 - Neither agree nor disagree	262 20%
4	163 12%
3	178 14%
2	117 9%
1 - Completely disagree	155 12%
Summary	
Mean	4.8
Top4Box	340 26%
Low4Box	613 47%

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Q7_5. Please tell us how much (or little) you agree with the following statement ... I would invest in educational software which would help my child be more efficient with their homework

	Total
Base: All respondents	1306
Weighted	1306
10 - Completely agree	226 17%
9	120 9%
8	163 12%
7	115 9%
6	117 9%
5 - Neither agree nor disagree	347 27%
4	46 4%
3	55 4%
2	47 4%
1 - Completely disagree	71 5%
Summary	
Mean	6.4
Top4Box	624 48%
Low4Box	219 17%

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Q8_0. What subject do you think your child struggles with most?

	Total
Base: All respondents	1306
Weighted	1306
Literature (NET)	508 39%
English Literature (English respondents)	350 27%
French Literature (French respondents)	158 12%
Math	589 45%
Sciences (includes Chemistry, Biology, Physics etc.)	368 28%
Language (NET)	274 21%
English language (French respondents)	62 5%
French language (English respondents)	211 16%

Q9. Which subjects are you the least able to help your child with?

	Total
Base: All respondents	1306
Weighted	1306
Literature (NET)	239 18%
English Literature (English respondents)	154 12%
French Literature (French respondents)	84 6%
Math	489 37%
Sciences	464 36%
Language (NET)	604 46%
English language (French respondents)	63 5%
French language (English respondents)	540 41%

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Q10. What are the biggest barriers you face when trying to help your child with their homework?

	Total
Base: All respondents	1306
Weighted	1306
Lack of time	546 42%
Lack of educational resources at home	185 14%
Lack of knowledge	665 51%
Parent/child conflict	301 23%

Q11. Are you aware of your child currently using a 'graphing calculator' either at home or school?

	Total
Base: All respondents	1306
Weighted	1306
Yes	573 44%
No	733 56%

Q12. What do you rely on most when selecting the right educational tools for your child/children?

	Total
Base: All respondents	1306
Weighted	1306
Teacher recommendations	886 68%
Recommendations from a friend/relative	248 19%
Own experience and judgment	690 53%
Child's request	519 40%
Other	76 6%