

MORI Schools Survey 2002
Department for International Development
TOPLINE RESULTS
Based on all who expressed an opinion

- 2,670 interviews were conducted among school children aged 11-16 in England and Wales.
- Self-completion questionnaires were completed in 108 classroom sessions between 14 January and 8 March 2002.
- Results from the 2000 survey are taken from 2,767 interviews conducted among school children aged 11-16 in England and Wales. Self-completion questionnaires were completed in 115 classroom sessions between 17 January and 29 February 2000.
- Results from the 2001 survey are taken from 2,970 interviews conducted among school children aged 11-16 in England and Wales. Self-completion questionnaires were completed in 126 classroom sessions between 15 January and 15 March 2001.
- Data have been weighted by gender, age, and region.
- Results are based on all respondents unless otherwise stated.
- An asterisk (*) represents a value of less than half a per cent, but not zero.
- Where results do not sum to 100%, this may be due to multiple responses, computer rounding, or the exclusion of 'don't know/not stated' response categories.

ABOUT YOURSELF

First of all we would like to ask some questions about yourself. Please remember that your answers are confidential.

QA How old are you?

	2000	2001	2002
Base: all those who stated an opinion	%	%	%
11	19	19	19
12	19	19	20
13	18	19	19
14	18	19	18
15	18	18	18
16	7	6	6

QB Are you male or female?

Base: all those who stated an opinion	2000 (2,767) %	2001 (2,940) %	2002 (2,670) %
I am a boy/male	51	51	51
I am a girl/female	49	50	49

QC Which of the following best describes you?

Base: all those who stated an opinion	2000 (2,739) %	2001 (2,940) %	2002 (2,643) %
White	82	89	89
British Black	2	2	2
Black Caribbean	1	1	1
Black African	2	1	1
Black Other	1	1	1
British Asian	4	1	2
Indian	2	1	1
Pakistani	2	1	1
Bangladeshi	1	*	*
Chinese	1	1	*
East African Asian	*	*	0
Other	2	3	2

QD Who lives in your home?

Base: all those who stated an opinion	2000 (2,767) %	2001 (2,940) %	2002 (2,643) %
My mother/stepmother	94	96	95
My father/stepfather	82	81	81
My brother(s)	59	60	56
My sister(s)	55	55	56
Somebody else	9	7	7

PLEASE ANSWER QE IF YOU LIVE WITH YOUR MOTHER OR STEPMOTHER. IF YOU DO NOT LIVE WITH YOUR MOTHER OR STEPMOTHER GO TO QF.

QE What does your mother/stepmother do?

	%
Works full-time	40
Works part-time	35
Is unemployed	4
Looks after house/family	37
Other	4

Base: All who live with their mother/stepmother, who stated an opinion (2,443)

PLEASE ANSWER QF IF YOU LIVE WITH YOUR FATHER OR STEPFATHER. IF YOU DO NOT LIVE WITH YOUR FATHER OR STEPFATHER GO TO QA1.

QF **What does your father/stepfather do?**

	%
Works full-time	83
Works part-time	9
Is unemployed	4
Looks after house/family	11
Other	3

Base: All who live with their father/stepfather, who stated an opinion (2,006)

SECTION E

This following questions are about developing countries. In particular we are talking about countries in Africa, as well as parts of Asia and Central/Latin America, which are much poorer than our country.

QE1 **Which of the following, if any, best describes how much you know about developing countries?**

	2000	2001	2002
Base: all those who stated an opinion	(2,546)	(2,732)	(2,326)
	%	%	%
I don't know anything about them	15	21	19
I know something about them	75	62	69
I know a lot about them	11	12	12

QE2 **In many of these countries there are people who do not have enough to eat, cannot go to school to learn to read and write, or cannot always get basic healthcare. Which of the following, if any, best describes how you feel about this?**

	2000	2001	2002
Base: all those who stated an opinion	(2,601)	(2,465)	(2,154)
	%	%	%
I am very concerned about it	34	29	27
I am fairly concerned about it	39	39	38
I am aware of it but I don't have strong feelings about it one way or another	22	24	27
I am not very concerned about it	2	4	4
I am not at all concerned about it	2	4	4

QE3 Thinking about poverty, which means 'being poor', how much would you say that poverty in developing countries affects people in the United Kingdom? Would you say it affects people in the United Kingdom quite a lot, a little bit, or not at all?

	2000	2001	2002
Base: all those who stated an opinion	(2,435)	(2,257)	(1,944)
	%	%	%
Quite a lot	20	21	20
A little bit	67	63	67
Not at all	12	14	13

QE4 The world's governments want to reduce poverty around the world (that is, people being poor, and living on 65p or less a day). By the year 2015 (in 13 years' time), they want to:

- 1) Reduce the number of people who are very poor by half.
- 2) Have every child in every country going to a primary school.
- 3) Improve basic healthcare for everybody.

Thinking about all of these together, how likely, if at all, would you say they are to reach these goals?

	2000	2001	2002
Base: all those that stated an opinion	(2,573)	(2,287)	(1,944)
	%	%	%
Certain to	5	5	4
Very likely to	11	14	12
Fairly likely to	41	39	39
Not very likely to	33	31	33
Not at all likely to	6	6	8
Certain not to	3	5	4

QE5 Governments and other organisations try to help developing countries to reduce poverty in a number of ways. Which, if any, of the following do you think are most important?

	2000	2001	2002
Base: all those who stated an opinion	(2,417)	(2,257)	(1,903)
	%	%	%
Providing financial assistance (for example, more loans and/or grants)	29	32	34
Cancelling poor countries' debts – that is, the money that poor countries owe to rich countries	70	57	53
Providing training and expertise, for example doctors, nurses, or engineers	66	64	70
Helping developing countries to sell more goods to richer countries	37	36	34
Working to prevent war and conflict	62	54	52
Other	2	4	2
None of these	1	3	4

QE6 Do you think that you personally or your family can do anything to help people in poorer countries, or not?

	2000	2001	2002
Base: all those who stated an opinion	(2,103)	(1,841)	(1,598)
	%	%	%
Yes	76	66	66
No	24	34	34

QE7 How do you think you can help people in poorer countries, if at all?

	2000	2001	2002
Base: all those who stated an opinion	(2,435)	(2,317)	(1,889)
	%	%	%
Buying goods for which a fair price has been paid to producers from poor countries (such as Oxfam or Body Shop goods or Fair Trade goods)	64	58	57
Writing to an MP or local Councillor asking for a better deal for poor countries	24	23	17
Joining a charity such as Oxfam or Action Aid	50	47	45
Giving money to charity	81	82	80
Raising money for charity through a sponsored	65	71	66
Raising money for a charity in some other way	55	60	54
Writing an article for a school or local newspaper	25	24	19
Taking part in a demonstration about conditions	28	29	20
Going on holiday to a poorer country	18	15	14
Other	2	19	3
I don't think we can help people in poorer	6	4	4

QE8 **How do you find out what is happening in developing countries?**

QE9 **Would you like to know more about what is happening in developing countries? If so, how?**

	2000		2001		2002	
	Base: all those who stated an opinion		(2,762) (1,812)		(2,230) (1,502)	
	QE8	QE9	QE8	QE9	QE8	QE9
	%	%	%	%	%	%
TV News	85	40	74	38	84	45
Children's TV programmes (e.g. <i>Newsround, Blue Peter</i>)	58	34	49	28	53	34
Other TV or radio programmes	49	33	41	30	51	35
Books	22	30	18	21	26	24
Newspapers or magazines	71	36	58	30	69	36
School lessons	48	36	44	31	54	40
Other school activities	11	26	10	21	12	22
Films at the cinema	18	22	16	20	23	20
Church or other religious activities	21	16	16	13	17	15
Foreign travel / holidays	14	18	11	15	13	15
Charities	51	26	45	23	47	29
My family or friends	32	21	22	15	31	20
Internet	31	36	25	26	34	31
Other	1	2	1	3	1	4
I don't know/I don't want to find out any more	2	20	8	30	7	27

And now one more question about developing countries, that is, countries that are poor.

QE10 **Looking at the list below, in which of these ways, if any, do you think that high levels of poverty in developing countries can affect us in the United Kingdom? By developing countries we mean countries that are poorer than our own.**

	2000	2001	2002
	Base: all those who stated an opinion	(1,937)	(1,841)
	%	%	%
By damaging the earth's environment	43	35	36
By affecting jobs in the United Kingdom and the UK economy	37	32	34
By the UK helping developing countries that are involved in conflict or war	N/A	45	48
By increasing the risk of diseases spreading to the United Kingdom	50	40	41
By making foreign travel and foreign holidays more dangerous	46	39	26
By encouraging people in the United Kingdom to send money and other aid to overseas charities	N/A	42	41
By increasing the number of people from developing countries who want to come to the UK	N/A	44	44
Other	3	2	3
None of these	9	7	5