

PIRLS 2016-Ireland

Pupils' Attitudes to Reading

As part of PIRLS 2016, Fourth class pupils in Ireland were asked how they felt about reading and how often they read outside school.



Liking Reading

Almost half of pupils in Ireland **liked reading very much** (46%). Only 15% indicated that they **did not like reading**.

On average, pupils who **liked reading very much** scored significantly higher in the PIRLS reading test than pupils who **somewhat liked** or **did not like reading**.

Liking Reading: Gender Differences

Over half of girls in Ireland (55%) **liked reading very much**, compared to 37% of boys.

One in five boys in Ireland (20%) reported that they **did not like reading**, compared to only 9% of girls.



Reading for Fun

Over 2/5 of pupils in Ireland (43%) read for fun outside school **every day** or **almost every day**.

Half of girls in Ireland (50%) reported reading for fun on a **daily** basis, compared to 36% of boys.



Confidence in Reading

Over half of pupils in Ireland (55%) felt **very confident** in their reading abilities.

Girls and boys in Ireland reported similar levels of confidence about reading, with 57% of girls and 54% of boys being **very confident**.