

# 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**.

