

Exhibit 3: Percentages of Students Who Liked Reading the PIRLS Passages

Exhibit 3 shows the percentages of students who liked reading the PIRLS passages. Including PIRLS and PIRLS Literacy, the 2016 assessment included 20 different passages, 8 only in PIRLS, 4 in both PIRLS and PIRLS Literacy, and 8 only in PIRLS Literacy. The students participating in PIRLS were positive about the PIRLS only passages (on average, 85% liked the passages a little or a lot). For 5 of the passages (4 of which were literary passages), girls were more positive than boys. Both the PIRLS and PIRLS Literacy students reported liking the 4 passages in both assessments (91% on average). The PIRLS Literacy students were the most positive, on average, with 95 percent liking the PIRLS Literacy passages.

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Students' Reports

Passage	Percent of Students Who Liked the Passage A Lot or a Little		
	Overall	Girls	Boys
PIRLS Passages			
Shiny Straw	88 (0.2)	90 (0.3)	87 (0.3)
Macy and the Red Hen	86 (0.2)	89 (0.3)	83 (0.3)
The Empty Pot	89 (0.2)	93 (0.2)	86 (0.3)
Oliver and the Griffin	86 (0.2)	89 (0.3)	83 (0.3)
Leonardo Da Vinci	84 (0.2)	83 (0.3)	84 (0.3)
The Green Sea Turtle	89 (0.2)	90 (0.3)	89 (0.3)
Where's the Honey?	81 (0.2)	79 (0.4)	82 (0.3)
Icelandic Horses	80 (0.2)	82 (0.3)	77 (0.3)
Average Percent	85 (0.1)	87 (0.1)	84 (0.1)
Shared PIRLS/PIRLS Literacy Passages			
Flowers on the Roof	92 (0.2)	96 (0.2)	89 (0.3)
Sharks	86 (0.2)	83 (0.3)	89 (0.3)
Pemba Sherpa	92 (0.2)	94 (0.2)	90 (0.3)
How Did We Learn to Fly?	93 (0.2)	92 (0.2)	93 (0.2)
Average Percent	91 (0.1)	91 (0.1)	90 (0.1)
PIRLS Literacy Passages			
Baghita's Perfect Orange	96 (0.4)	97 (0.4)	96 (0.6)
The Pearl	96 (0.4)	97 (0.4)	95 (0.7)
The Summer My Father Was Ten	95 (0.4)	97 (0.4)	93 (0.7)
Library Mouse	95 (0.5)	97 (0.6)	94 (0.8)
Training a Deaf Polar Bear	95 (0.5)	96 (0.6)	94 (0.7)
African Rhinos & Oxpecker Birds	93 (0.5)	94 (0.6)	92 (0.8)
Ants	95 (0.4)	96 (0.5)	94 (0.7)
Hungry Plant	93 (0.5)	93 (0.7)	93 (0.7)
Average Percent	95 (0.2)	96 (0.2)	94 (0.3)

SOURCE: IEA's Progress in International Reading Literacy Study – PIRLS 2016

() Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because of rounding some results may appear inconsistent.

Example:
How much did you like reading *Shiny Straw*?

Fill one circle only.

 I liked it a lot

 I liked it a little

 I didn't like it very much

 I didn't like it at all