## Exhibit 4.1 and 4.2: Home Resources for Learning

The Home Resources for Learning scale combines data reported by students and their parents. The parents' data were collected using the PIRLS 2016 Learning to Read Survey in which students' parents were asked to provide information about their child's experiences learning to read. As explained in Exhibit 4.1, students provided information about the number of books in the home and other study supports, while the parents provided information about the number of children's books, the parents' levels of education, and their occupations. As also explained, students were assigned a score on the scale according to the availability of these five home resources for learning.

The PIRLS 2016 results add to the already extensive amounts of research showing a powerful positive relationship between students' socioeconomic environment and their educational achievement.

In Exhibit 4.1, countries are ordered by the percentage of students in the Many Resources category. However, on average, almost three-fourths of the students ( $73 \%$ ) were assigned to the Some Resources category. Twenty percent were in the Many Resources category and 7 percent were in the Few Resources category, with a 140-point difference in their average reading achievement ( 572 vs. 432). Average reading achievement for the students in the Some Resources category was in between, at 509 points. The scatterplot on the third page of the exhibit shows the relationship between average reading achievement and home resources for learning for each country.

Exhibit 4.2 presents information about students' access to digital devices in the home. The percentages of students with High, Medium, and Low Access mirror the percentages with Many, Some, and Few Resources. There was a 122-point difference in average reading across the categories of digital access ( 536 vs. 414), with very low average achievement for those having low access.

## Students Categorized by Parents' and Students' Reports

Students were scored according to their own and their parents' responses concerning the availability of five resources on the Home Resources for Learning scale. Students with Many Resources had a score of at least 11.8, which is the point on the scale corresponding to students reporting they had more than 100 books in the home and both of the home study supports, and parents reporting that they had more than 25 children's books in the home, that at least one parent had finished university, and that at least one parent had a professional occupation, on average. Students with Few Resources had a score no higher than 7.5, which is the scale point corresponding to students reporting that they had 25 or fewer books in the home and neither of the home study supports, and parents reporting that they had 10 or fewer children's books in the home, that neither parent had gone beyond upper-secondary education, and that neither parent was a small business owner or had a clerical or professional occupation, on average. All other students were assigned to the Some Resources category.


This PIRLS questionnaire scale was established in 2011 based on the combined response distribution of all countries that participated in PIRLS 2011. To provide a point of reference for country comparisons, the scale centerpoint of 10 was located at the mean of the combined distribution. The units of the scale were chosen so that 2 scale score points corresponded to the standard deviation of the distribution.
() Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because of rounding some results may appear inconsistent

A dash (-) indicates comparable data not available. A tilde ( $\sim$ ) indicates insufficient data to report achievement.
An " $r$ " indicates data are available for at least $70 \%$ but less than $85 \%$ of the students. An " $s$ " indicates data are available for at least $50 \%$ but less than $70 \%$ of the students. $A n$ " $x$ " indicates data are available for less than $50 \%$ of the students-interpret with caution.

Significantly higher than 2011 © Significantly lower than 2011 (7)

Exhibit 4.1: Home Resources for Learning (Continued)

| Country |  | Many Resources |  | Some Resources |  | Few Resources |  | Average <br> Scale Score | Difference in Average Scale Score from 2011 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement |  |  |
| Benchmarking Participants |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Norway (4) |  | 44 (1.4) | 543 (2.3) | 56 (1.4) | 501 (2.3) | 1 (0.1) | ~ ~ | 11.4 (0.04) | -0.1 (0.07) |
| Denmark (3) |  | 41 (1.4) | 527 (3.2) | 58 (1.4) | 488 (3.2) | 1 (0.2) | ~ ~ | 11.3 (0.05) | - - |
| Moscow City, Russian Fed. |  | 37 (1.7) | 633 (2.1) | 62 (1.7) | 600 (2.2) | 0 (0.1) | ~ ~ | 11.3 (0.05) | -- |
| Ontario, Canada | $r$ | 36 (2.0) | 580 (3.6) | 63 (2.0) | 535 (3.3) | 0 (0.2) | ~ ~ | 11.2 (0.06) | r -0.1 (0.09) |
| Quebec, Canada |  | 31 (1.9) | 577 (3.4) | 68 (1.9) | 540 (2.6) | 1 (0.2) | $\sim$ | 11.1 (0.06) | 0.0 (0.08) |
| Madrid, Spain |  | 30 (1.6) | 576 (2.7) | 67 (1.5) | 543 (1.9) | 2 (0.4) | ~ | 10.8 (0.06) | - - |
| Dubai, UAE |  | 21 (0.5) | 579 (2.4) | 77 (0.5) | 509 (2.2) | 2 (0.1) | ~ ~ | 10.7 (0.02) | 0.1 (0.03) |
| Andalusia, Spain |  | 15 (1.2) | 563 (2.6) | 79 (1.1) | 526 (1.8) | 6 (0.6) | 477 (6.4) | 10.0 (0.06) | 0.2 (0.09) |
| Buenos Aires, Argentina | s | 14 (1.2) | 544 (4.5) | 79 (1.2) | 486 (3.1) | 8 (0.6) | 432 (6.7) | 10.0 (0.07) | - - |
| Abu Dhabi, UAE | r | 10 (0.8) | 505 (9.2) | 87 (0.9) | 420 (4.0) | 3 (0.4) | 330 (13.5) | 10.0 (0.04) | $r \quad 0.2(0.08) \quad 0$ |
| Eng/Afr/Zulu - RSA (5) | $s$ | 3 (0.9) | 564 (11.0) | 75 (1.8) | 439 (7.8) | 22 (2.0) | 370 (5.0) | 8.7 (0.11) | -- |




## Exhibit 4.2: Digital Devices in the Home

Students Categorized by Parents' and Students' Reports
Students were scored according to their own and their parents' responses concerning the availability of four items on the Digital Devices in the Home scale. Students with High Access had a score of at least 12.1, which is the point on the scale corresponding to students reporting they had a computer and Internet connection, and parents reporting they had seven or more digital information devices in the home as well as a digital device for reading for both themselves and their child. Students with Low Access had a score no higher than 6.0, which is the scale point corresponding to students reporting that they did not have a computer or Internet connection, and parents reporting that they had less than four digital information devices in the home and no digital devices for reading for either themselves or their child. All other students were assigned to the Medium Access
category.

| Country |  | High Access |  | Medium Access |  | Low Access |  | Average Scale Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement |  |
| Norway (5) |  | 58 (1.0) | 566 (2.4) | 42 (1.0) | 552 (2.7) | 0 (0.0) | ~ ~ | 11.8 (0.04) |
| Finland |  | 53 (0.9) | 577 (2.0) | 47 (0.9) | 560 (2.3) | 0 (0.0) | $\sim$ | 11.6 (0.03) |
| Denmark |  | 49 (1.0) | 554 (2.9) | 51 (1.0) | 546 (2.4) | 0 (0.0) | $\sim \sim$ | 11.5 (0.04) |
| Sweden |  | 42 (1.2) | 567 (2.7) | 58 (1.2) | 554 (2.8) | 0 (0.1) | $\sim \sim$ | 11.3 (0.05) |
| Netherlands | s | 32 (1.3) | 557 (3.4) | 68 (1.3) | 551 (2.3) | 0 (0.0) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.8 (0.05) |
| Qatar | r | 29 (0.5) | 474 (2.5) | 69 (0.5) | 445 (2.5) | 1 (0.1) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.6 (0.02) |
| Belgium (Flemish) |  | 29 (0.7) | 535 (2.2) | 71 (0.7) | 526 (2.1) | 0 (0.1) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.6 (0.03) |
| Hungary |  | 28 (1.2) | 575 (3.8) | 70 (1.0) | 549 (3.0) | 2 (0.3) | $\sim$ | 10.6 (0.06) |
| Canada | $r$ | 28 (0.6) | 563 (1.8) | 71 (0.6) | 545 (2.2) | 1 (0.1) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.6 (0.02) |
| Kuwait | r | 28 (1.1) | 411 (5.5) | 71 (1.1) | 397 (4.5) | 1 (0.2) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.6 (0.05) |
| United Arab Emirates |  | 26 (0.6) | 474 (3.9) | 74 (0.6) | 451 (3.4) | 1 (0.1) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.5 (0.03) |
| Ireland |  | 25 (0.8) | 580 (3.0) | 75 (0.8) | 568 (2.4) | 0 (0.1) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.4 (0.03) |
| Bahrain |  | 24 (0.8) | 470 (3.2) | 74 (0.7) | 444 (2.6) | 2 (0.2) | $\sim$ | 10.2 (0.03) |
| Singapore |  | 24 (0.6) | 605 (3.1) | 76 (0.6) | 571 (3.3) | 1 (0.1) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.4 (0.03) |
| Israel |  | 23 (0.9) | 546 (3.4) | 76 (0.9) | 534 (3.0) | 2 (0.3) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.3 (0.04) |
| Portugal |  | 21 (0.9) | 549 (4.3) | 78 (0.9) | 524 (2.1) | 1 (0.2) | ~ ~ | 10.4 (0.03) |
| Trinidad and Tobago | $r$ | 21 (1.0) | 514 (5.0) | 75 (1.0) | 481 (3.4) | 4 (0.4) | 417 (11.7) | 10.0 (0.05) |
| Spain |  | 20 (0.6) | 550 (2.3) | 79 (0.6) | 526 (1.9) | 1 (0.2) | ~ | 10.1 (0.03) |
| Bulgaria |  | 19 (0.8) | 592 (3.3) | 75 (1.0) | 549 (4.3) | 6 (0.9) | 473 (15.8) | 9.9 (0.08) |
| Malta |  | 19 (0.6) | 468 (3.6) | 80 (0.6) | 457 (1.8) | 0 (0.1) | ~ ~ | 10.3 (0.02) |
| Poland |  | 19 (0.8) | 586 (3.0) | 80 (0.8) | 561 (2.1) | 1 (0.3) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.5 (0.03) |
| Lithuania |  | 19 (0.9) | 568 (3.7) | 79 (0.9) | 547 (2.9) | 2 (0.4) | $\sim$ | 10.2 (0.05) |
| Slovak Republic |  | 17 (0.6) | 561 (3.4) | 80 (0.7) | 536 (3.0) | 3 (0.6) | 389 (19.9) | 10.0 (0.05) |
| Austria |  | 17 (0.7) | 557 (3.6) | 82 (0.7) | 540 (2.4) | 1 (0.1) | ~ | 9.9 (0.03) |
| Latvia |  | 17 (0.6) | 572 (3.1) | 82 (0.8) | 556 (1.9) | 1 (0.3) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.2 (0.03) |
| Saudi Arabia |  | 17 (0.9) | 454 (4.6) | 78 (0.9) | 432 (4.3) | 5 (0.5) | 415 (12.2) | 9.7 (0.06) |
| Oman |  | 16 (0.6) | 452 (5.0) | 78 (0.6) | 421 (3.4) | 6 (0.3) | 375 (7.3) | 9.5 (0.04) |
| Czech Republic |  | 16 (0.6) | 557 (3.1) | 83 (0.6) | 544 (2.2) | 1 (0.2) | $\sim$ | 9.9 (0.03) |
| Germany | $s$ | 15 (0.7) | 558 (3.8) | 84 (0.7) | 550 (2.7) | 1 (0.2) | $\sim \sim$ | 9.7 (0.04) |
| Belgium (French) |  | 15 (0.7) | 507 (4.3) | 84 (0.7) | 499 (2.8) | 1 (0.2) | ~ ~ | 9.9 (0.03) |
| Macao SAR |  | 14 (0.5) | 563 (3.0) | 85 (0.5) | 543 (1.1) | 1 (0.1) | $\sim$ | 9.9 (0.02) |
| Italy |  | 14 (0.7) | 557 (3.7) | 85 (0.8) | 550 (2.3) | 1 (0.2) | $\sim \sim$ | 9.8 (0.03) |
| Slovenia |  | 13 (0.7) | 568 (3.9) | 86 (0.6) | 541 (2.2) | 1 (0.2) | $\sim \sim$ | 9.9 (0.03) |
| France |  | 13 (0.6) | 516 (4.5) | 86 (0.6) | 514 (2.2) | 1 (0.2) | $\sim \sim$ | 9.8 (0.03) |
| Hong Kong SAR |  | 13 (1.0) | 577 (4.6) | 87 (1.0) | 569 (2.9) | 1 (0.2) | $\sim \sim$ | 9.9 (0.05) |
| Russian Federation |  | 12 (0.7) | 604 (3.0) | 85 (0.7) | 580 (2.2) | 3 (0.3) | 519 (11.6) | 10.0 (0.04) |
| Chinese Taipei |  | 11 (0.5) | 575 (3.5) | 87 (0.5) | 559 (2.1) | 2 (0.2) | $\sim \sim$ | 9.7 (0.03) |
| Kazakhstan |  | 10 (0.8) | 561 (5.0) | 81 (0.9) | 535 (2.4) | 8 (0.8) | 516 (5.6) | 9.5 (0.08) |
| Chile |  | 8 (0.5) | 540 (3.7) | 83 (1.0) | 495 (2.6) | 9 (0.9) | 470 (7.3) | 9.0 (0.06) |
| Egypt |  | 4 (0.6) | 407 (14.0) | 66 (1.8) | 352 (5.1) | 30 (1.8) | 281 (9.3) | 7.8 (0.10) |
| Georgia |  | 4 (0.3) | 513 (6.6) | 87 (0.9) | 492 (2.7) | 9 (1.0) | 468 (9.3) | 9.0 (0.06) |
| Azerbaijan |  | 3 (0.5) | 523 (6.7) | 63 (1.4) | 490 (3.4) | 34 (1.5) | 448 (5.6) | 7.6 (0.08) |
| Morocco |  | 3 (0.2) | 431 (7.8) | 50 (1.1) | 386 (3.9) | 47 (1.2) | 335 (4.7) | 6.9 (0.07) |
| South Africa | s | 3 (0.5) | 429 (15.6) | 64 (1.5) | 341 (6.3) | 33 (1.6) | 313 (4.5) | 7.4 (0.09) |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of |  | 2 (0.2) | ~ ~ | 75 (1.4) | 445 (4.2) | 23 (1.5) | 381 (6.7) | 8.1 (0.07) |
| England |  | - - | -- | - - | - - | - - | - - | - - |
| United States |  | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Northern Ireland | X | 32 (1.4) | 599 (5.0) | 67 (1.4) | 582 (3.6) | 0 (0.2) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.9 (0.06) |
| Australia | X | 29 (1.0) | 572 (4.6) | 71 (1.0) | 560 (3.1) | 0 (0.1) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.7 (0.04) |
| New Zealand | X | 22 (1.0) | 559 (4.2) | 76 (1.1) | 540 (2.8) | 2 (0.3) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.2 (0.04) |
| International Avg. |  | 20 (0.1) | 536 (0.7) | 74 (0.1) | 512 (0.4) | 5 (0.1) | 414 (2.8) |  |

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( ) Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because of rounding some results may appear inconsistent.
A dash (-) indicates comparable data not available. A tilde $(\sim)$ indicates insufficient data to report achievement.
An " r " indicates data are available for at least $70 \%$ but less than $85 \%$ of the students. An "s" indicates data are available for at least $50 \%$ but less than $70 \%$ of the students. An "x" indicates data are available for less than $50 \%$ of the students-interpret with caution.

Exhibit 4.2: Digital Devices in the Home (Continued)
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| Country | High Access |  | Medium Access |  | Low Access |  | Average <br> Scale Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement |  |
| Benchmarking Participants |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Norway (4) | 54 (1.2) | 528 (2.0) | 46 (1.2) | 508 (2.9) | 0 (0.1) | ~ ~ | 11.7 (0.04) |
| Denmark (3) | 45 (1.1) | 512 (3.4) | 55 (1.1) | 495 (3.6) | 0 (0.0) | $\sim \sim$ | 11.4 (0.03) |
| Ontario, Canada | 32 (1.0) | 561 (3.8) | 68 (1.0) | 547 (3.6) | 0 (0.1) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.8 (0.04) |
| Dubai, UAE | 30 (0.5) | 531 (3.0) | 70 (0.5) | 516 (2.2) | 0 (0.1) | $\sim$ | 10.8 (0.02) |
| Madrid, Spain | 27 (0.8) | 567 (2.6) | 72 (0.8) | 546 (2.1) | 0 (0.1) | ~ ~ | 10.5 (0.04) |
| Abu Dhabi, UAE | 26 (1.0) | 445 (6.3) | 73 (1.0) | 416 (4.5) | 1 (0.1) | ~ ~ | 10.5 (0.04) |
| Moscow City, Russian Fed. | 25 (0.9) | 625 (2.6) | 75 (0.9) | 608 (2.3) | 0 (0.1) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.8 (0.03) |
| Buenos Aires, Argentina s | 23 (1.4) | 518 (4.6) | 76 (1.3) | 482 (3.3) | 1 (0.2) | $\sim$ | 10.2 (0.06) |
| Quebec, Canada | 19 (0.8) | 565 (4.0) | 80 (0.8) | 548 (3.1) | 0 (0.2) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.2 (0.04) |
| Andalusia, Spain | 18 (0.9) | 548 (3.0) | 80 (0.9) | 524 (2.0) | 2 (0.3) | ~ ~ | 10.0 (0.04) |
| Eng/Afr/Zulu - RSA (5) s | 6 (0.7) | 503 (13.8) | 70 (1.6) | 427 (7.7) | 24 (1.8) | 376 (5.3) | 8.0 (0.12) |



