



**GENERAL SOCIAL
SURVEY (GSS)**

2010

PROMPT CARDS

SAMPLE

1. Never married
2. Widowed
3. Divorced
4. Separated
5. Married (in a registered marriage)
6. Other – De facto
7. Other – Single / not married

A1

You may choose more than one answer:

10. Too much work (in job / business)
11. Lack of employer support
12. Little difference to work prospects
13. Not required for job / employer / business
14. Lack of information / suitable courses
15. Places not available / offered
16. Did not have pre-requisites
17. Own ill-health or disability
18. Caring for family members
19. No time
20. Financial reasons
21. Location / transport reasons
22. Lack of computer skills / access
23. Lack of literacy, numeracy or English skills
24. Discrimination because of Ethnic or cultural background
25. Other

You may choose more than one answer:

10. Unpaid leave
11. Carer's leave
12. Parental / maternity / paternity leave
13. Flex leave
14. Annual holiday or recreational leave
15. Long Service Leave
16. Sick Leave
17. Flexible working hours
18. Permanent part-time
19. Shift work
20. Rostered day off
21. Working from home
22. Informal arrangement with employer
23. Other

Examples of work-related training courses:

- Training seminars
- Training workshops
- Talks or lecture presentations
- Classroom-style presentations
- Training conferences (incl. Tele / video conferencing)
- Other group training sessions
- Audio-visual presentations
- Demonstration training sessions (e.g. Equipment, Health and Safety)
- Self-paced training courses

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1. Can easily get to the places needed
2. Sometimes have difficulty getting to the places needed
3. Often have difficulty getting to the places needed
4. Can't get to the places needed

SAMPLE

Examples of motor vehicles you may have access to:

- Vehicle(s) belonging to you (including jointly owned vehicle)
- Vehicle(s) belonging to another member of this household
- Company or government vehicle(s) for personal use

SAMPLE

Please tell me the number that most corresponds to how you feel:

1. Delighted
2. Pleased
3. Mostly satisfied
4. Mixed
5. Mostly dissatisfied
6. Unhappy
7. Terrible

D2

You may choose more than one answer:

10. Sight problems not corrected by glasses or contact lenses
11. Hearing problems
12. Speech problems
13. Blackouts, fits or loss of consciousness
14. Difficulty learning or understanding things
15. Limited use of arms or fingers
16. Difficulty gripping things
17. Limited use of legs or feet
18. Any condition that restricts physical activity or physical work (e.g. back problems, migraines)
19. Any disfigurement or deformity
20. Any mental illness for which help or supervision is required

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing
2. Chronic or recurring pain
3. A nervous or emotional condition
4. Long term effects as a result of a head injury, stroke or other brain damage
5. Any other long term condition that requires treatment or medication
6. Any other long term condition such as arthritis, asthma, heart disease, Alzheimer's disease, dementia etc.

Examples of difficulties with various tasks:

Self-care

For example:

- Bathing / showering
- Dressing / undressing
- Eating / feeding
- Going to toilet
- Bladder / bowel control

Mobility

For example:

- Moving around away from home
- Moving around at home
- Getting in or out of a bed or chair

Communication in own language

For example:

- Understanding / being understood by strangers, friends or family, including use of sign language / lip reading

Examples of difficulties with education:

- Not attending school / further study due to condition
- Need time off school / study
- Attend special classes / school
- Other related difficulties

Examples of difficulties with employment:

- Type of job you can do
- Number of hours you can work
- Finding suitable work
- Needing time off work
- Permanently unable to work

You may choose more than one answer:

10. Banks or other financial institutions
11. Centrelink
12. Disability Services
13. Dentists
14. Doctors
15. Employment Services
16. Family Assistance Office
17. Hospitals
18. Legal services
19. Medicare
20. Mental Health Services
21. Telecommunication Services
22. Other service (Please specify)

You may choose more than one answer:

10. Can not trust them
11. Cost of service
12. Disability restricts access to service
13. Waiting too long / Appointment not available at time required
14. Language difficulties
15. No service in your area
16. Transport / Distance
17. Poor Customer Service
18. Discrimination because of Ethnic or cultural background
19. Inadequate services in your area
20. Other reason

You may choose more than one answer:

10. Child support payments
11. Give them money to help pay rent / bond / other housing costs
12. Provide or pay for food
13. Provide or pay for clothing
14. Let them borrow your car
15. Drive them places
16. Pay for educational costs / textbooks
17. Give them pocket money or an allowance
18. Give them money to pay bills / meet debt
19. Buy or give them money to buy big cost items
20. Other

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17. Give them money to pay bills / meet debt
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19. Other (Please specify)

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Domestic work, home maintenance or gardening
2. Providing transport or running errands
3. Any unpaid child care
4. Any teaching, coaching or practical advice
5. Providing any emotional support
6. Any other help

Examples of types of help:

- Look after pets or water your garden while away from home
- Collect mail or check your house while away from home
- Mind a child for a brief period
- Help with moving or lifting objects
- Help out when you are sick or injured e.g. the flu or sprained ankle
- Borrow equipment

Examples of types of crisis support:

- Advice on what to do
- Emotional support
- Help out when you have a serious illness or injury
- Help in maintaining family or work responsibilities
- Provide emergency money
- Provide emergency accommodation
- Provide emergency food

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Friend
2. Neighbour
3. Family member
4. Work colleague
5. Community, charity or religious organisation
6. Local council or other government services
7. Health, legal or financial professional
8. Other

You may choose more than one answer:

10. Stayed with relatives
11. Stayed at a friend's house
12. Stayed in a caravan
13. Stayed at a boarding house / hostel
14. Stayed in a night shelter
15. Stayed in a shelter for the homeless
16. Stayed at a refuge (e.g. women's shelter)
17. Squatted in an abandoned building
18. Slept rough (include sleeping in cars, tents etc.)
19. Other (Please specify)

You may choose more than one answer:

10. Travelling / on holiday
11. Work related reason
12. House-sitting
13. Saving money
14. Just moved back/ into town or city
15. Building or renovating home
16. Tight housing / rental market
17. Violence / Abuse / Neglect
18. Alcohol or drug use
19. Family / Friend / Relationship problems
20. Financial problems (e.g. unable to pay mortgage or rent)
21. Mental illness
22. Lost job
23. Gambling
24. Eviction
25. Natural disaster
26. Other (Please specify)

1. One time
2. Two times
3. Three times
4. Four times
5. Five times or more

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26. Other (Please specify)

1. Less than 12 months ago
2. 12 months to less than 2 years
3. Two years to less than 5 years
4. Five years to less than 10 years
5. Ten years or more

SAMPLE

1. Less than one week
2. One week to less than two weeks
3. Two weeks to less than four weeks
4. One month to less than two months
5. Two months to less than three months
6. Three months to less than four months
7. Four months to less than five months
8. Five months to less than six months
9. Six months or more

You may choose more than one answer:

10. Housing service providers
11. Crisis accommodation
12. Mental health service
13. Church or community organisation (e.g. St Vincent De Paul, Salvation Army, Mission Australia etc.)
14. Health service
15. Job service
16. Counselling service
17. Women's refuge
18. Supported Accommodation Assistance Program
19. Shelter
20. Solicitor / Legal Aid
21. Member of Parliament
22. Hospital
23. Police
24. Other (Please specify)

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Did not know of any
2. Do not trust support services
3. Could not find one
4. Service was full
5. Refused help
6. Bad experience with service in the past
7. No need / not required
8. Other (Please specify)

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Serious illness
2. Serious accident
3. Death of a family member or close friend
4. Mental illness
5. Serious disability

SAMPLE

You may choose more than one answer:

10. Divorce or separation
11. Not able to get a job
12. Involuntary loss of job
13. Alcohol or drug related problems
14. Witness to violence
15. Abuse or violent crime
16. Trouble with the police
17. Gambling problem
18. Discrimination because of ethnic or cultural background
19. Other (Please specify)

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Visited or was visited by friends
2. Went out with or met group of friends - outdoor activities
3. Went out with or met group of friends - indoor activities
4. Spent time in Internet social activity
5. Other informal social activities

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Phone calls made online (e.g. VoIP or SKYPE)
2. Fixed telephone
3. Mobile phone for calls
4. Mobile phone for SMS
5. Internet such as email or chat rooms
6. Mail (inc cards) or fax
7. Other form of contact used (Please specify)

1. A few times a day
2. Once a day
3. A few times a week
4. Once a week
5. At least once a month
6. At least once a quarter

SAMPLE

1. 1 to 2
3. 3 to 4
5. 5 or more

SAMPLE

1. All
2. Most
3. About half
4. Few
5. None

SAMPLE

You may choose more than one answer:

10. State or Territory government department
11. Federal government department
12. Local council
13. Legal system
14. Healthcare
15. Trade union
16. Political party
17. Media
18. University / TAFE / Business College
19. Religious / Spiritual group
20. School related group
21. Big business
22. Small business

1. All of the time
2. Most of the time
3. Some of the time
4. A little of the time
5. None of the time

SAMPLE

1. Strongly agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Strongly disagree

SAMPLE

Examples of a project:

- Starting a preschool
- Keeping a hospital open
- Establishing a recreational facility
- Keeping a local football team in existence

SAMPLE

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Sport or physical recreation group
2. Arts or heritage group (e.g. choirs, drama groups, museums, libraries)
3. Religious or spiritual group or organisation (e.g. church, mosque)
4. Craft or practical hobby group
5. Adult education, other recreation or special interest group
6. Ethnic / multicultural club
7. Social clubs providing restaurants or bars (e.g. Leagues Club, RSL)
8. Other social groups (Please specify)

You may choose more than one answer:

10. No transport
11. Financial reasons
12. No groups in local area
13. No childcare available
14. Not interested
15. Not convenient
16. No time
17. Discrimination because of ethnic or cultural background
18. Health reasons
19. Other (Please specify)

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Service clubs
2. Welfare organisations
3. Education and training
4. Parenting / children / youth
5. Health promotion and support
6. Emergency Services
7. International aid and development
8. Other community support groups (Please specify)

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Trade union, professional / technical association (e.g. Australian Metal Workers Union, Law Society, Small Business Association)
2. Political party
3. Civic group or organisation (e.g. Community councils, Neighbourhood Watch)
4. Environmental or animal welfare group (e.g. Landcare, Clean Up Australia, RSPCA)
5. Human and civil rights group (e.g. Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, Council for Civil Liberties)
6. Body corporate or tenants' association
7. Consumer organisation (e.g. Australian Consumer's Association, motoring associations)
8. Other civic or political organisation (Please specify)

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12. No groups in local area
13. No childcare available
14. Not interested
15. Not convenient
16. No time
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18. Health reasons
19. Other (Please specify)

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree

SAMPLE

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Organised team sport
2. Arts/culture related activities (such as drama, dance, music)
3. Youth group (such as guides, scouts, a choir)
4. Did some kind of volunteer work
5. Raised money door-to-door or in public place for a cause or organisation
6. Active in student government
7. Active in a religious organisation

10. Arts / Heritage
11. Business / Professional / Union
12. Welfare / Community
13. Education and training
14. Parenting, children and youth
15. Emergency services
16. Environment
17. Animal welfare
18. International Aid / Development
19. Health
20. Law / Justice / Political
21. Religious
22. Sport and physical recreation
23. Other recreation or interest
24. Ethnic and Ethnic-Australian groups
25. Other

1. At least once a week
2. At least once a fortnight
3. At least once a month
4. Several times a year
5. Less regularly

SAMPLE

You may choose more than one answer:

1. To take part in the Work for the Dole program or Community Work under Mutual Obligation
2. For work experience, or part of unpaid work trial
3. Because of a community service order
4. Because of a student placement
5. Because of emergency work during an industrial dispute

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Phone calls
2. Postage
3. Uniform
4. Travel costs
5. Meals
6. Training
7. Other

1. Very safe
2. Safe
3. Neither safe nor unsafe
4. Unsafe
5. Very unsafe

SAMPLE

You may choose more than one answer:

10. Noisy driving
11. Dangerous driving
12. People being insulted, pestered, or intimidated in the street
13. Public drunkenness
14. Rowdy behaviour
15. Offensive language or behaviour
16. People hanging around in groups
17. Noisy neighbours
18. People using or dealing drugs
19. Graffiti
20. Intentional damage to property other than graffiti
21. Any other problems? (Please specify)

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Public Library
2. Museum or Art Gallery
3. Botanic Garden, Zoo or Aquarium
4. Movie, Concert, Theatre or other Performing Arts Event

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Cost
2. No time
3. Not interested / No need
4. Not convenient
5. No transport
6. Health reasons
7. Accessed information or books over the internet
8. Viewed artworks, exhibition or collection over the internet
9. Other

1. Every day
2. Two to six days a week
3. One day a week
4. One day a fortnight
5. One day a month
6. Less than one day a month

SAMPLE

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Work / business
2. Education / study
3. Volunteer / community groups
4. Personal / private
5. Other

SAMPLE

You may choose more than one answer:

Electronic lodgement of:

10. Tax returns
11. Applications or claims for benefits
12. Applications for permits etc.
13. Bill payments e.g. rates and car registration

Information or services relating to:

14. Taxation
 15. Pensions or other benefits
 16. Employment / unemployment
 17. Community safety education
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18. Other

You may choose more than one answer:

Could not:

10. Pay electricity, gas or telephone bills on time
11. Pay mortgage or rent payments on time
12. Pay for car registration or insurance on time
13. Make minimum payment on credit card
14. Pawned or sold something because you needed cash
15. Went without meals
16. Were unable to heat your home
17. Sought financial assistance from friends or family
18. Sought assistance from welfare or community organisations

1. Once
2. Twice
3. 3 - 5 times
4. 6 - 9 times
5. 10 - 19 times
6. 20 times or more

SAMPLE

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Christmas period
2. Start of school year
3. End of financial year
4. Other
5. No particular period

SAMPLE

You may choose more than one answer:

10. Reduced home loan repayments
11. Drew on accumulated savings or term deposits
12. Increased the balance owing on credit cards by \$1,000 or more
13. Entered into a loan agreement with family or friends
14. Took out a personal loan
15. Sold household goods or jewellery
16. Sold shares, stocks or bonds
17. Sold other assets
18. Other source

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Followed a budget
2. Saved regularly
3. Paid more than the minimum payment required by credit card company or loan provider
4. Made more than the minimum home loan repayments
5. Made voluntary contributions towards superannuation
6. Received financial information, counselling or advice from a professional (including Centrelink, welfare/community organisations and financial planners)

You may choose more than one answer:

10. Savings / bank account
11. Credit card or store card
12. Home loan
13. Hire purchase / deferred payment agreement including interest free purchases
14. Insurance policy (e.g. home contents and building, third party property etc.)
15. Other Loan

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Family Tax Benefit as a regular payment from the Family Assistance Office
2. Parenting Payment
3. Youth Allowance
4. Carer Allowance
5. War Widow's or Widower's Pension from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, including Income Support Supplement
6. Disability Pension from the Department of Veterans' Affairs
7. Overseas government pension
8. Any other government payment

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Child support or maintenance
2. Superannuation, an annuity or private pension
3. Workers' compensation

SAMPLE

You may choose more than one answer:

10. Wages or salary (including from own incorporated business)
11. Profit or loss from own unincorporated business or share in a partnership
12. Profit or loss from rental property
13. Dividends or interest
14. Any Government pension, benefit or allowance
15. Child Support or maintenance
16. Superannuation, Annuity or allocated pension
17. Workers' Compensation
18. Other

1. Real estate agent
2. State or Territory Housing Authority
3. Person not in the same household - Parent / Other relative
4. Person not in the same household - Other person
5. Person in the same household - Parent / Other relative
6. Person in the same household - Other person
7. Owner / Manager of caravan park
8. Employer - Defence Housing Authority
9. Employer - Government
10. Employer - Other
11. Housing co-operative / Community / Church Group
12. Other

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Over \$1,000 cash or deposited in banks, credit unions or other financial institutions
2. Own incorporated business
3. Shares, stocks and bonds
4. Other buildings or land

1. Less than \$10,000
2. \$10,000 - \$49,999
3. \$50,000 - \$99,999
4. \$100,000 or more

SAMPLE

You may choose more than one answer:

1. Credit cards or store cards not paid off by due date
2. Car loans or personal loans
3. Interest free purchases
4. Hire purchase agreements
5. Other (please specify)

1. Less than \$5,000
2. \$5,000 - \$9,999
3. \$10,000 - \$49,999
4. \$50,000 or more

SAMPLE