

# Evaluating Nature and Us: A Class Survey

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**Evaluation** is the process of making a judgment based on standards or criteria.

**You use evaluation when you**

- choose which movie you want to see
- decide whether a move is legal according to the rules of a game
- judge whether a punishment is fair
- decide whether you want to be friends with someone

What are other situations in which you would use evaluation?

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### Cluster Question: What Is Our Relationship with Nature?

Evaluation is the process of making a judgment based on standards or criteria. Indicate whether you agree or disagree with the statements below and on the following screens by filling in the blank with A for “agree” and D for “disagree.”

#### Agree or Disagree

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I like to spend as much time outdoors as possible.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I like to go camping.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. If given a choice, I prefer being inside to being outside.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 4. I associate the outdoors with discomfort: bugs, dirt, unpredictable weather.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. There are several outdoor activities—fishing, waterskiing, hiking, or others—that I enjoy.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. I help my family and/or school in their recycling efforts.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. I enjoy identifying species of plants and animals.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. I am knowledgeable and concerned about environmental issues such as pollution and global warming.

**Scoring:** Give yourself one point each for answering “agree” to numbers 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Give yourself ten points each for answering “agree” to numbers 3 and 4.

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## Score Chart

If you scored between:      You are . . .

0–8 . . . . . avidly interested in nature.

9–15 . . . . . moderately interested in nature.

16–26 . . . . . indifferent to nature.

Now evaluate this survey. Do you think it fairly and accurately measured your attitude toward nature? If not, come up with some survey statements of your own.