



# Literacy & Basic Skills Screener

## 25 Questions

**Client Name:**

**Date:**

**Score:**  / 25

In the far right column, grant the client one checkmark for every **bold** answer they provide. Refer Client for further Literacy and Basic Skills Assessment if he/she receives more than **9 bold** checkmarks.

1. Do you have any qualifications in English?	Yes		No		
2. How often do you read a newspaper?	Every day	Every week	Sometimes	Never	
3. How often do you read magazines?	Every day	Every week	Sometimes	Never	
4. How often does a friend/member of the family help you with reading newspapers or magazines?	Always		Sometimes	Never	
5. How often do you have problems understanding what to write in a form?	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Never	
6. How often does a friend/member of the family help you prepare official information (e.g. tax notices/hospital information/school announcements)?	Always		Sometimes	Never	
7. How often do you read for pleasure?	Every day	Every week	Sometimes	Never	
8. How often does a friend/member of the family help you with reading instructions (e.g. on medicine bottles, recipes, household appliances)?	Always		Sometimes	Never	
9. Do you think you could get a better job if you had some help with reading or writing?	Yes		No		
10. How often does a friend/member of the family help you fill in forms?	Always		Sometimes	Never	
11. How often does a friend/member of the family help you write letters/notes (e.g. note to school, application for a job)	Always		Sometimes	Never	
12. When writing letters or filling in forms, how often do you worry about your handwriting and spelling?	Always		Sometimes	Never	
13. How often do you write letters/notes/anything?	Never	Once a year	Monthly	Weekly	
14. Do you have any qualifications in math or numeracy?	Yes		No		
15. When working out your wages or benefits, do you:	Do it in your head?				
	Use pen and paper/calculator?				
	Ask a friend/member of the family?				
	Not do it?				

16. If you need to check your shopping receipt at home, do you:	Do it in your head?			
	Use pen and paper/calculator?			
	<b>Ask a friend/member of the family?</b>			
	<b>Not do it?</b>			
17. When you are working on how long it will take to get to an appointment on time by bus or train, do you:	Work it out using a timetable (web or printed)?			
	Call the TTC?			
	<b>Ask a friend/member of the family?</b>			
	<b>Guess?</b>			
18. You want to buy something which is \$37.00 but is now reduced to half-price. To find the price, do you:	<b>Guess?</b>			
	<b>Ask a friend?</b>			
	Work it out in your head?			
	Work it out with a calculator?			
19. How confident are you that your math is good enough for the job that you would like?	Very confident			
	Quite confident			
	<b>Not very confident</b>			
	<b>Not at all confident</b>			
20. Do you think you could get a better job if you had some help with math?	<b>Yes</b>		No	
21. Do you have any qualifications in basic computer technology?	Yes		<b>No</b>	
22. How often do you use a computer?	Every day	Every week	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Never</b>
23. How often do you use the internet?	Every day	Every week	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Never</b>
24. How often does a friend/member of the family help you with using your email account?	Every day	Every week	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Never</b>
25. Do you think you could get a better job if you had some help improving your basic computer skills?	<b>Yes</b>		No	