

LEAF Awareness Survey

S3 to S6 Awareness survey

The questions in this survey have been adapted from: Salazar, G., Kunkle, K. & Monroe, M. C. (2020) [Practitioner guide to assessing connection to nature](#). Washington, DC: North American Association for Environmental Education.

How to conduct the survey:

The survey is composed of a series of agree/disagree statements for pupils to complete. You can complete the survey in a group asking each question and recording responses in the summary table below. Alternatively, you can use the survey sheet on page 3 for pupils to complete individually.

On page 2 there are five open ended questions to enable pupils to express their thoughts further and to help generate ideas for your Action Plan.

You can read the following text to explain how the survey will work to your pupils:

‘For each of the following statements, please rate the extent to which you agree with each statement, using the scale from 1 to 5 as shown below. Please respond as you really feel, rather than how you think you should feel, or how “most people” feel.’

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1. Protecting the well-being of nature for its own sake is important to me.					
2. I often feel a sense of awe and wonder when I am in nature.					
3. I often feel a strong sense of care toward the natural environment.					
4. I enjoy learning about nature.					
5. I feel content and somehow at home in nature.					
6. I enjoy being outdoors, even in unpleasant weather.					
7. Even in the middle of the city, I notice nature around me.					
8. I always think about how my actions affect the environment.					
9. I am interested in learning new ways to help protect nature.					
10. I would give some of my own money to help save natural environments.					

Open ended questions

What do you like about spending time in natural environments?

What do you not like about spending time in natural environments?

What would make you want to spend more time in natural environments?

What would make your school grounds better for you?

What could you do to improve your school and community for plants and wildlife?

Please note that the aim is not to have all pupils strongly agreeing with all the statements. People feel connection to nature in different ways and may agree with some statements, but not others. We hope that by taking part in LEAF, pupils will feel an increased connection to nature and the number of respondents agreeing to the statements will increase over time.

Survey sheet for printing

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