

# Survey Form

Ms. Singh is a government healthcare worker who needs to find out which health issues are most important to the people in her community. One way to gather information from a large number of people is to take a survey. What surveys have you seen or taken? What items appear on survey forms? How could you use a computer to help Ms. Singh with her survey?

## Plan It

Design a survey form that your classmates will use to enter information electronically about the health issues that they worry about the most. Look at the following example:

**Health Care Survey**

Date

Gender  Female  Male

Age

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**Survey Rating Scale**

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3 = Very concerned

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**Pick a rating:**
- 2) How concerned are you about exercise?  
**Pick a rating:**
- 3) How concerned are you about getting all your shots?  
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**Survey Form Template Example**

**Health Care Survey**

Date November 5, 2004

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**Completed Survey Form Example**

Think about the questions below, and discuss your ideas with your partner. It might be helpful to write your ideas on a sheet of paper.

- What are four or five health issues that people worry about? What questions could you ask to find out how concerned or worried people are about each issue?
- What sort of number rating scale could be used for people to show that they are very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not at all concerned about a specific health issue?
- What is the age range of your classmates?
- How might you be able to use the computer to make a survey form?

For help on how to do certain tasks, look at the following groups in the *Skills Book*:

- Graphics Group 6: Changing the Look of Lines and Shapes
- Word Processing Group 3: Changing the Look of Your Words
- Word Processing Group 4: Making Paragraphs and Lines of Words Look Good
- Word Processing Group 8: Using Preset and Advanced Features



## Do It

1. Start *Microsoft Word*, and open a new, blank document.
2. Make a short but wide text box at the top of the page. Type a title inside the text box, and change the look of the words any way you wish.
3. Add a fill color to the title text box, and change the look of the border.

**Challenge:** Add a pattern, texture, or gradient fill effect instead of a solid color fill. You can also add a shadow effect and change the shadow's color and direction. (See the Challenge Examples at the end of this section.)

4. Show the Forms toolbar, and if you do not see the rulers, show them also.
5. Below the title, type "Date". Then, add a text form field where people can type the date on which they take the survey.
6. On the line below, type "Gender". Add a check box form field, and label it "Female". Then on that same line, add another check box form field labeled "Male".

7. On the line below, type “Age”. Then, add a drop-down form field with each age in the range of your classmates’ ages listed as an answer that can be picked.
8. Change the look of the words, and increase the space between the three lines.
9. To line up the answer fields, set a left-aligned tab for all three lines. Make sure you look at the ruler to pick a good measurement number to use as the tab stop position. Then on each line, use the **Tab** key to line up all of the answer fields.
10. Below the Age line, draw a straight line across the page to separate the top information from the questions that you are about to add below. Change the look of the line any way you wish.
11. Below the line, make a text box. Type information that explains the rating scale that you decided on during your planning time. This rating scale will be used to answer the survey questions.
12. Change the look of the rating scale information so it is easy to read. You can also change the text box border, but it is best to keep it simple.
13. Below the rating scale information, type the survey questions. (**NOTE:** You do not need to number your questions at this point.) Be sure to start each question on a new line.
14. Change the look of the questions to match the look and line spacing of the Date, Gender, and Age information above the line.
15. Turn the questions into a numbered list. Change the tab and indent settings as needed so the list looks good.
16. Put the cursor after the first question. Hold down the **Shift** key, and press the **Enter** key. This makes a new line without making a new numbered list item.
17. Type a few words that explain how to pick one of the rating numbers, and make this text bold. Then, add a drop-down form field with each of the rating scale items entered.
18. Copy the bold instruction words and the drop-down form field. Then, paste it on new lines below each survey question. Remember to use the **Shift** and **Enter** keys to start your new lines.

**Challenge:** To make the answer form fields stand out, you might wish to add borders around them. In order to do this, you need to highlight and format the fields as words or text, not as a text box. (See the Challenge Examples at the end of this section.)

19. Protect the form, and notice that now the answer fields work when you click them.

20. Save the form as a template.
21. Now you and your partner can take turns using the survey form template you just saved to start a new document. Each of you can answer the questions and then save your finished surveys where you can easily find the files later.
22. Invite other classmates to follow Step 21 to fill out a copy of the survey on your computer. Try to get a total of five completed surveys (including two filled out by you and your partner).

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**Completed Survey Form  
Challenge Example**



## Review It

Look over your survey form. Make sure it has the following elements:

- a text box with a title that describes the contents
- fields where people can enter information about the date, their gender, and their age
- four or five survey questions about health issues

- a text box with an explanation of the survey rating scale
- an answer field with the same rating scale below each question

If any of these elements are missing, add them to the survey now. You should also make other desired changes. Remember to save your work when you are finished.



## Share It

Be prepared to discuss your answers to the following questions during sharing time:

- How might this survey form help Ms. Singh gather the information she seeks?
- What did you like best about using the Forms toolbar to add answer fields? Why?
- What are some other types of forms that people might want to make?