

Table 29.1. The percentages by gender of those respondents who write in English at least *about once a month* in question 29: “In your free time, do you write in English?” The distribution does not include respondents who answered *not at all* to all items in question 22. The median numbers of respondents are shown above the columns.

| | Respondents with English skills n=1307 | Gender | | p |
|--|---|---------------|-----------------|---------|
| | | Male n=640 | Female n=667 | |
| | | % | % | |
| In your free time, do you write in English | | | | |
| a. Letters, post cards | 6.3 | 4.3 | 8.2 | 0.004 |
| b. Stories, poems | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 0.695 |
| c. Text messages | 17.8 | 18.4 | 17.2 | 0.584 |
| d. Notes or other short messages | 15.3 | 16.3 | 14.3 | 0.309 |
| e. E-mails | 25.6 | 30.4 | 21.0 | < 0.001 |
| f. On the internet (e.g. weblogs, discussion forums) | 14.3 | 20.8 | 8.0 | < 0.001 |

Table 29.2. The percentages by age group of those respondents who write in English at least *about once a month* in question 29: “In your free time, do you write in English?” The distribution does not include respondents who answered *not at all* to all items in question 22. The median numbers of respondents are shown above the columns.

| | Respondents with English skills n=1307 | Age | | | | p |
|--|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------|
| | | 15–24 n=228 | 25–44 n=509 | 45–64 n=468 | 65–79 n=102 | |
| | | % | % | % | % | |
| In your free time, do you write in English | | | | | | |
| a. Letters, post cards | 6.3 | 9.8 | 7.1 | 3.6 | 6.9 | 0.013 |
| b. Stories, poems | 3.6 | 11.6 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 1.2 | < 0.001 |
| c. Text messages | 17.8 | 23.9 | 26.1 | 8.6 | 4.4 | < 0.001 |
| d. Notes or other short messages | 15.3 | 23.5 | 21.5 | 7.3 | 2.4 | < 0.001 |
| e. E-mails | 25.6 | 33.8 | 34.8 | 15.6 | 6.7 | < 0.001 |
| f. On the internet (e.g. weblogs, discussion forums) | 14.3 | 33.4 | 18.6 | 3.2 | 0.8 | < 0.001 |

Table 29.3. The percentages by residential area of those respondents who write in English at least *about once a month* in question 29: “In your free time, do you write in English?” The distribution does not include respondents who answered *not at all* to all items in question 22. The median numbers of respondents are shown above the columns. 1: city with over 50 000 inhabitants, 2: town with less than 50 000 inhabitants, 3: rural centre, 4: countryside.

| | Respondents with English skills | | Area | | | | p |
|--|---------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|---------|---|
| | n=1307 | n=592 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | |
| In your free time, do you write in English | | | | | | | |
| a. Letters, post cards | 6.3 | 8.2 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 0.079 | |
| b. Stories, poems | 3.6 | 5.4 | 1.6 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 0.017 | |
| c. Text messages | 17.8 | 25.0 | 11.8 | 15.7 | 8.1 | < 0.001 | |
| d. Notes or other short messages | 15.3 | 21.0 | 10.9 | 12.5 | 8.5 | < 0.001 | |
| e. E-mails | 25.6 | 36.3 | 18.7 | 19.2 | 11.8 | < 0.001 | |
| f. On the internet (e.g. weblogs, discussion forums) | 14.3 | 18.5 | 10.3 | 14.7 | 7.9 | < 0.001 | |

Table 29.4. The percentages by education of those respondents who write in English at least *about once a month* in question 29: “In your free time, do you write in English?” The distribution does not include respondents who answered *not at all* to all items in question 22. The median numbers of respondents are shown above the columns.

1: Primary school (grades 1-6 in the Finnish system), 2: Lower secondary school (grades 7-9/10 in the Finnish system), 3: Upper secondary school, upper secondary school graduate or vocational education graduate, 4: Polytechnic degree, 5: University degree.

| | Respondents with English skills | | Education | | | | | p |
|--|---------------------------------|------|-----------|------|------|------|---------|---|
| | n=1307 | n=77 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | |
| In your free time, do you write in English | | | | | | | | |
| a. Letters, post cards | 6.3 | 1.7 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 14.8 | < 0.001 | |
| b. Stories, poems | 3.6 | 3.5 | 9.1 | 2.6 | 1.7 | 2.7 | < 0.001 | |
| c. Text messages | 17.8 | 4.4 | 12.9 | 14.5 | 19.2 | 36.0 | < 0.001 | |
| d. Notes or other short messages | 15.3 | 4.3 | 13.7 | 13.4 | 11.7 | 29.0 | < 0.001 | |
| e. E-mails | 25.6 | 10.5 | 18.3 | 19.6 | 32.3 | 50.8 | < 0.001 | |
| f. On the internet (e.g. weblogs, discussion forums) | 14.3 | 13.3 | 20.0 | 11.3 | 13.0 | 18.9 | 0.006 | |

Table 29.5. The percentages by occupation of those respondents who write in English at least *about once a month* in question 29: “In your free time, do you write in English?” The distribution does not include respondents who answered *not at all* to all items in question 22. The median numbers of respondents are shown above the columns.
1: Managers, 2: Experts, 3: Office and customer service workers, 4: Healthcare workers, 5: Manual workers.

| | Respondents with English skills | | Occupation | | | | | p |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|---------|---|
| | n=1307 | 1 n=72 | 2 n=390 | 3 n=309 | 4 n=78 | 5 n=298 | | |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | | |
| In your free time, do you write in English | | | | | | | | |
| a. Letters, post cards | 6.3 | 5.6 | 8.4 | 6.7 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 0.160 | |
| b. Stories, poems | 3.6 | 1.6 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 0 | 4.1 | 0.378 | |
| c. Text messages | 17.8 | 39.0 | 22.6 | 19.5 | 10.4 | 8.5 | < 0.001 | |
| d. Notes or other short messages | 15.3 | 25.5 | 18.5 | 14.3 | 7.3 | 10.4 | 0.001 | |
| e. E-mails | 25.6 | 48.6 | 36.8 | 24.1 | 3.3 | 11.7 | < 0.001 | |
| f. On the internet (e.g. weblogs, discussion forums) | 14.3 | 8.7 | 15.3 | 11.0 | 2.6 | 12.3 | 0.022 | |