



Your voice counts!

At *The Week Junior*, we know children have strong opinions and we want to know what they are! That's why we worked with YouGov, a company that creates polls, to conduct our second annual Junior Voices survey about what kids want adults to know. Of the 733 children ages 8 to 14 across the country who responded, 82% said they wish adults listened more to kids. Children also ranked the issues they care about most—education and the environment were at the top of the list—and said they want to help solve these problems. An impressive 75% of kids believe their actions can make a positive difference in the world. Here's what else children had to say.

What do you think the most important news events have been so far in 2021?

So much has already happened! You said these were the top news stories of the year.



45% said...

Approval and distribution of the Covid-19 vaccines

38% said...

US students going back to school in person

27% (tie) said ...

The inauguration of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris

27% (tie) said...

The withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan

22% said...

Extreme weather events happening in the US and the world

What are the issues you want our nation's leaders to address?

Lawmakers face many important decisions that affect everyone. In our survey, you said that providing all children with a good education should be at the top of their to-do list.



- 1** Making sure all children can get a good education and have access to college if they would like to attend
- 2** Protecting the Earth, air, water, and wildlife and reducing climate change
- 3** Ensuring that everyone has enough to eat
- 4** Taking steps so people of all races, genders, and backgrounds are treated equally and fairly
- 5** Finding a way to make sure everyone can get and pay for quality healthcare

83%

of kids think it's important to learn about events around the world



82%

wish adults listened more to kids



75%

believe their actions can make a positive difference in the world now



74%

are not afraid to express their opinion if they disagree with something



74%

said kids should have a say on issues that affect them





All about what kids think



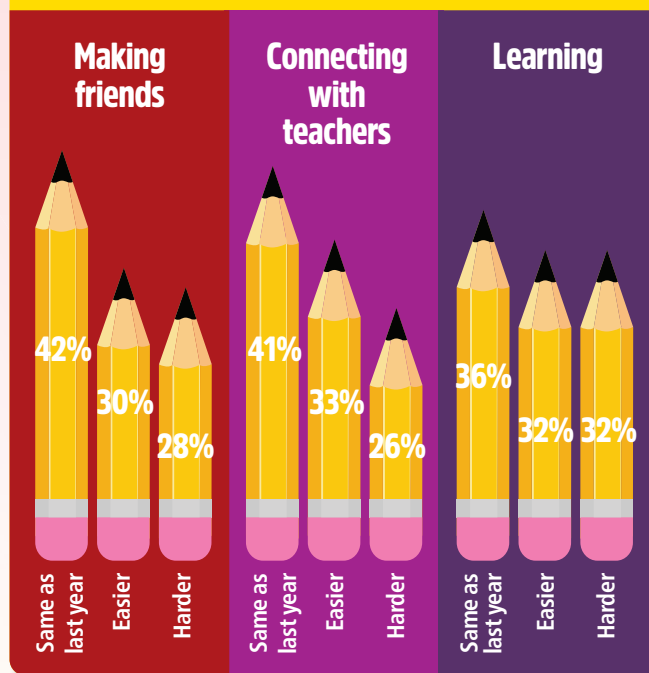
What was a positive aspect of the pandemic for you?

When we asked what benefits you experienced during the pandemic, here are some of the things you said.



How is school going for you this year?

You told us whether making friends, connecting with teachers, and learning are the same, easier, or harder compared to last year.



What have been your top challenges during the past year?

Kids showed resilience in the face of so much uncertainty! You said some of your challenges were missing people, school, and activities.

50%
Missed seeing family and friends in person



48%
Missed going to school



36%
Missed being able to participate in activities such as sports, clubs, and classes



If you could tell the adults of the world one thing, what would it be?

"Be kind to each other."

"Make sure everyone has a home and enough to eat."

"Get along with people."

"Don't leave environmental problems to us."



"Try not to worry so much."

"Be open to other people's ideas."

"Don't forget to have fun and be fair."

"Listen to kids because we have cool ideas."

YOUNG PIC SURVEYED 733 CHILDREN AGES 8-14, REACHED VIA THEIR PARENTS ONLINE. FROM SEPTEMBER 23 TO OCTOBER 11, 2021, FIGURES HAVE BEEN WEIGHTED AND ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL US CHILDREN AGES 8-14.