

Answer Key

Violence Survey

1. School Violence stinks.

- Yes
- No

What is this question trying to find out?

The effects of school violence on you and/or on the school community in general.

What is wrong with this question?

Biased language “stinks”, answer choices don’t give you very much information

2. Fights are a natural part of life. Don’t you think students should be allowed to fight?

- a. Yes
- b. No

What is this question trying to find out?

Your belief about fighting

What is wrong with this question?

It’s a leading question---wanting you to answer yes. Answer choices don’t give you much information

3. I believe violence is acceptable.

- Yes
- No

What is this question trying to find out?

If violence can be acceptable

What is wrong with this question?

Answer choices don’t allow you to show how much you agree or disagree.

4. Violence at school is wrong and violence at home is wrong, and violence on the street is wrong.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Don't Know

What is this question trying to find out?
How people feel about different kinds of violence

What is wrong with this question?
It's really 3 questions. Having Don't Know as an answer choice is usually a mistake--- people will pick it when they really have an opinion.

5. If you've ever seen or experienced violence in your home, please describe it:

What is this question trying to find out?
How much violence directly affects the people who are taking the survey.

What is wrong with this question?
It is too personal for people to answer honestly. It might give answers that you are a mandated reporter for and it asks for an answer with a lot of writing which is hard to answer and hard to analyze.