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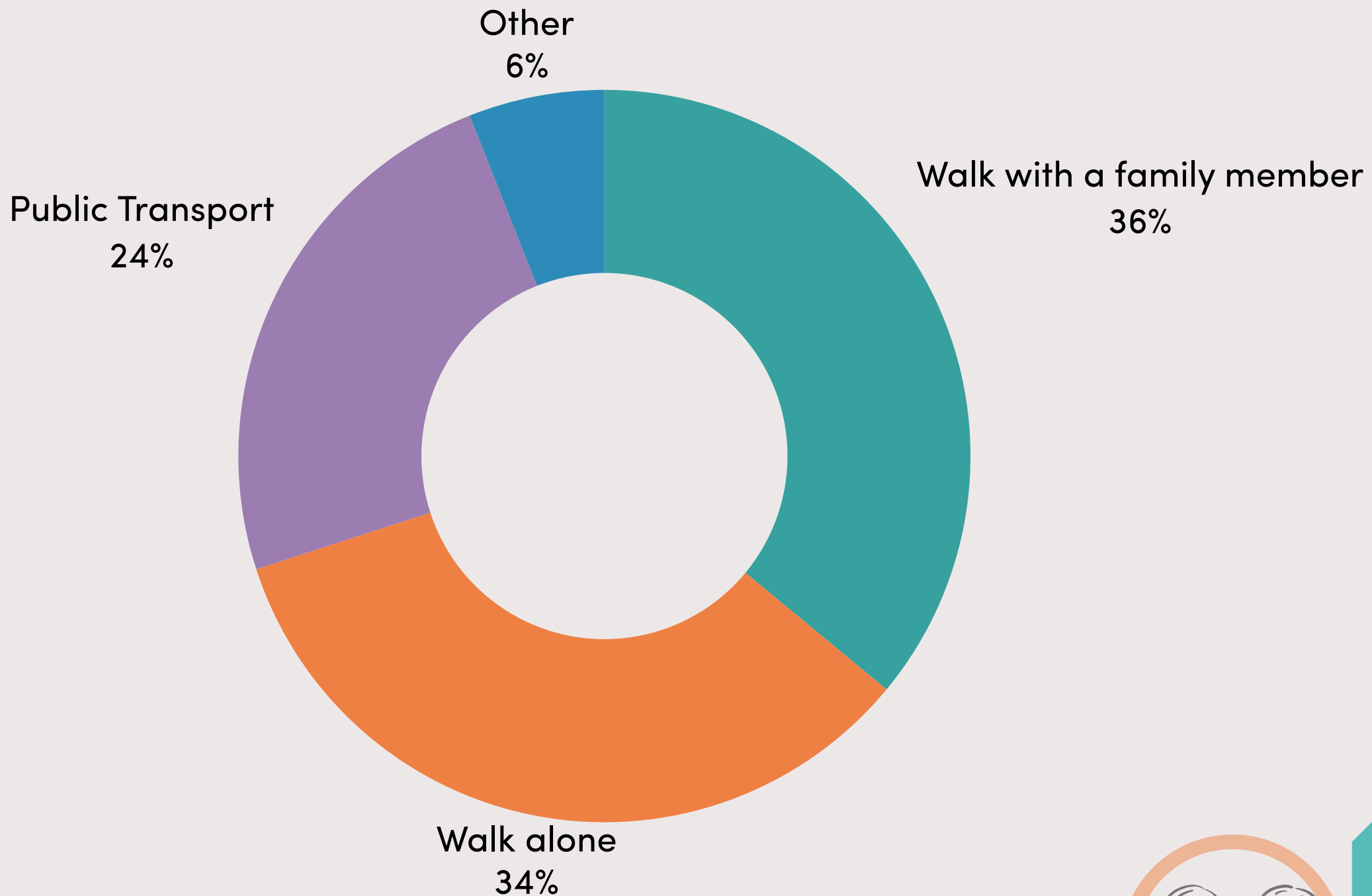
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Student Transport

How are children getting to school?



"It's a 45 minute walk from home to school. Akbil's monthly fee is 250TL. When she doesn't have money she walks alone. I have arthritis in the knees, and I am diabetic, I can not take her to school. On December 6th she was hit by a motorcycle and dragged on the ground 15-20 meters. In spite of everything she had a coat, it's all ripped down now. She says I am so tired, I have no desire to study anymore."*

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“I tried hard to get her a student card. We call and tell them and they say ok but we cant get it. It was 12.5 TL the last time we used the public transport, think about it. At the end my daughter said 'I hope for it but it doesnt happen so let it go.'*"

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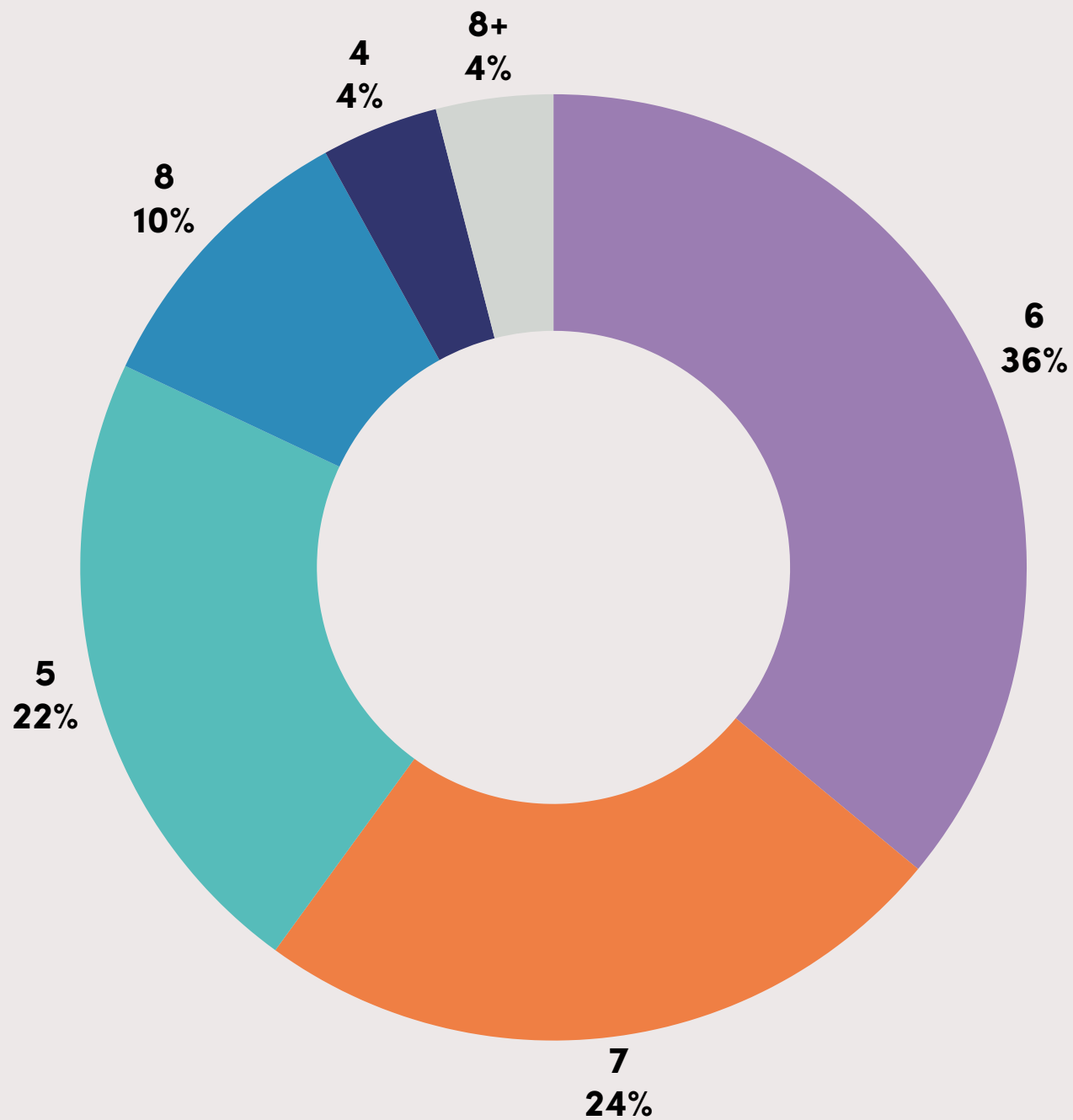
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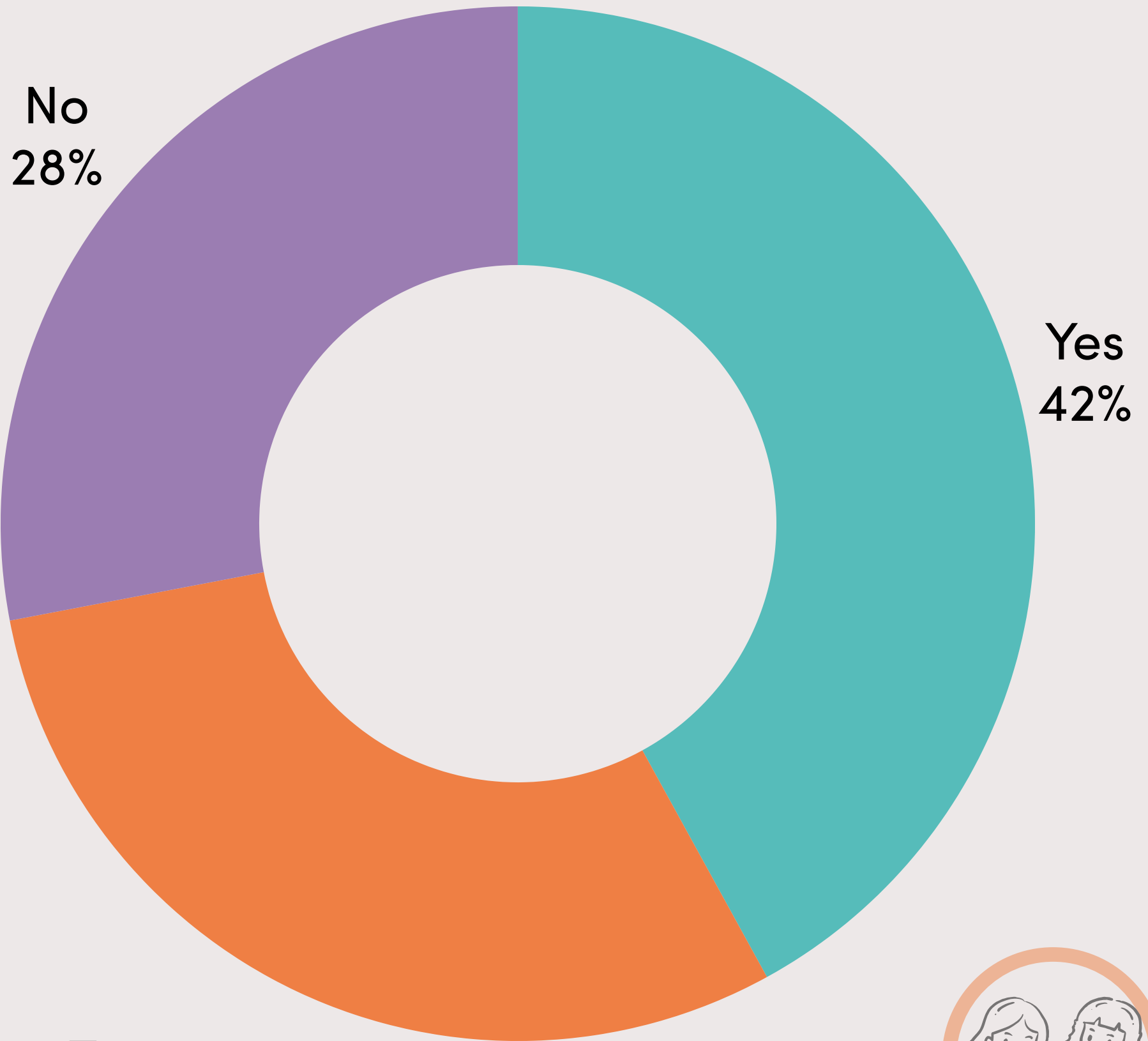


Nutrition in School

Average school hours



Is lunch box prepared?

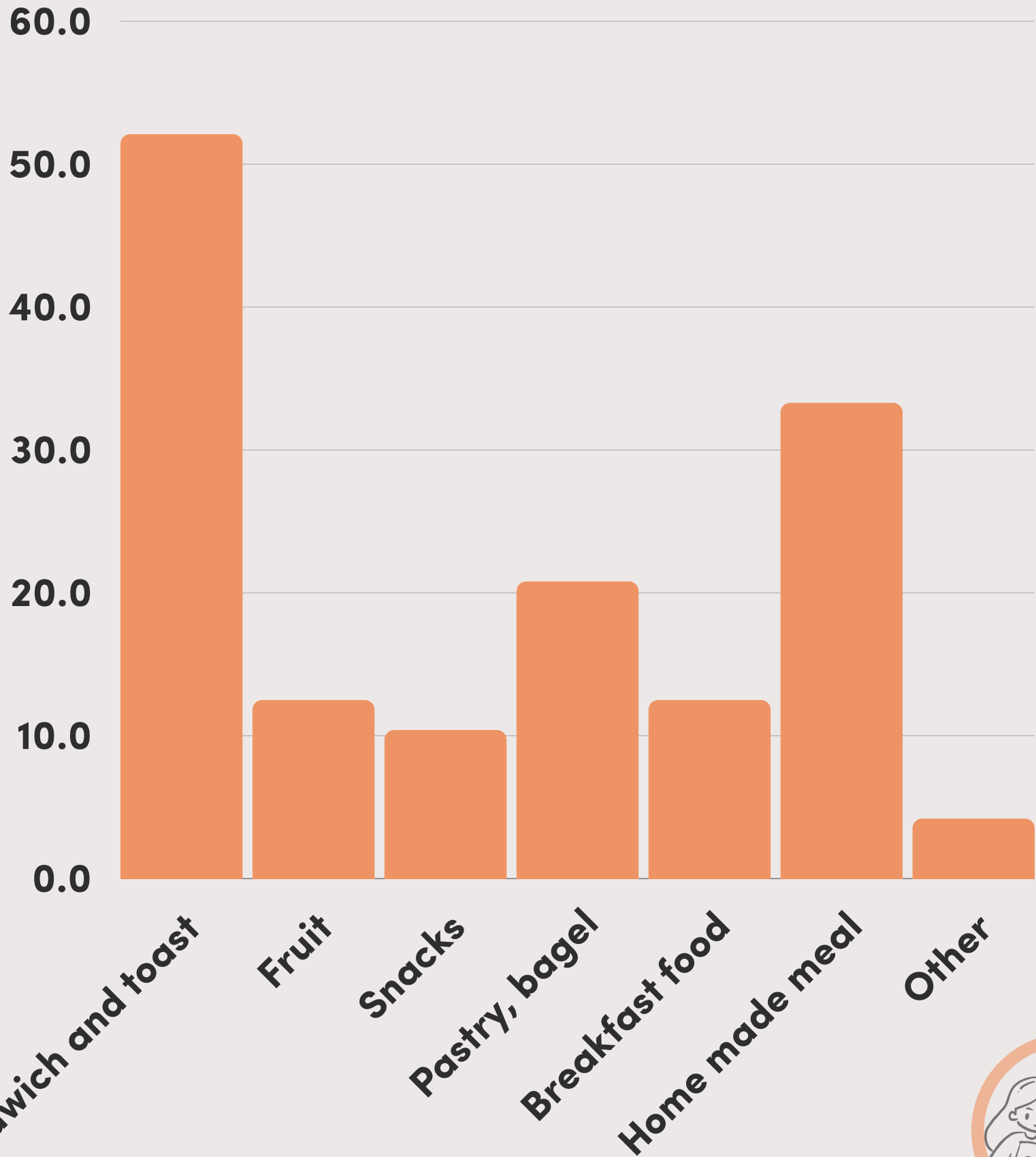


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To some extent
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What is the most common food?

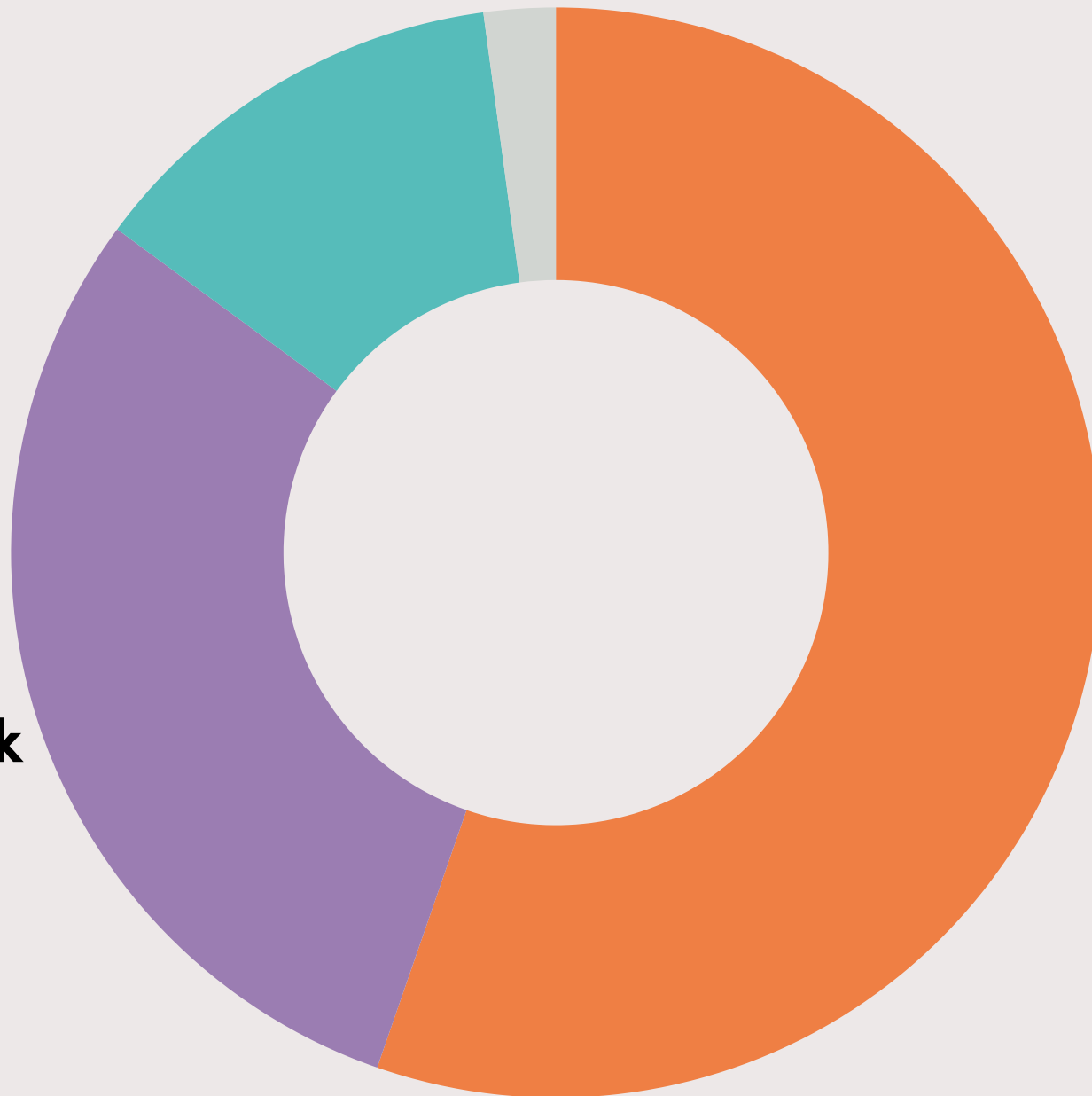


How often school canteen is used?

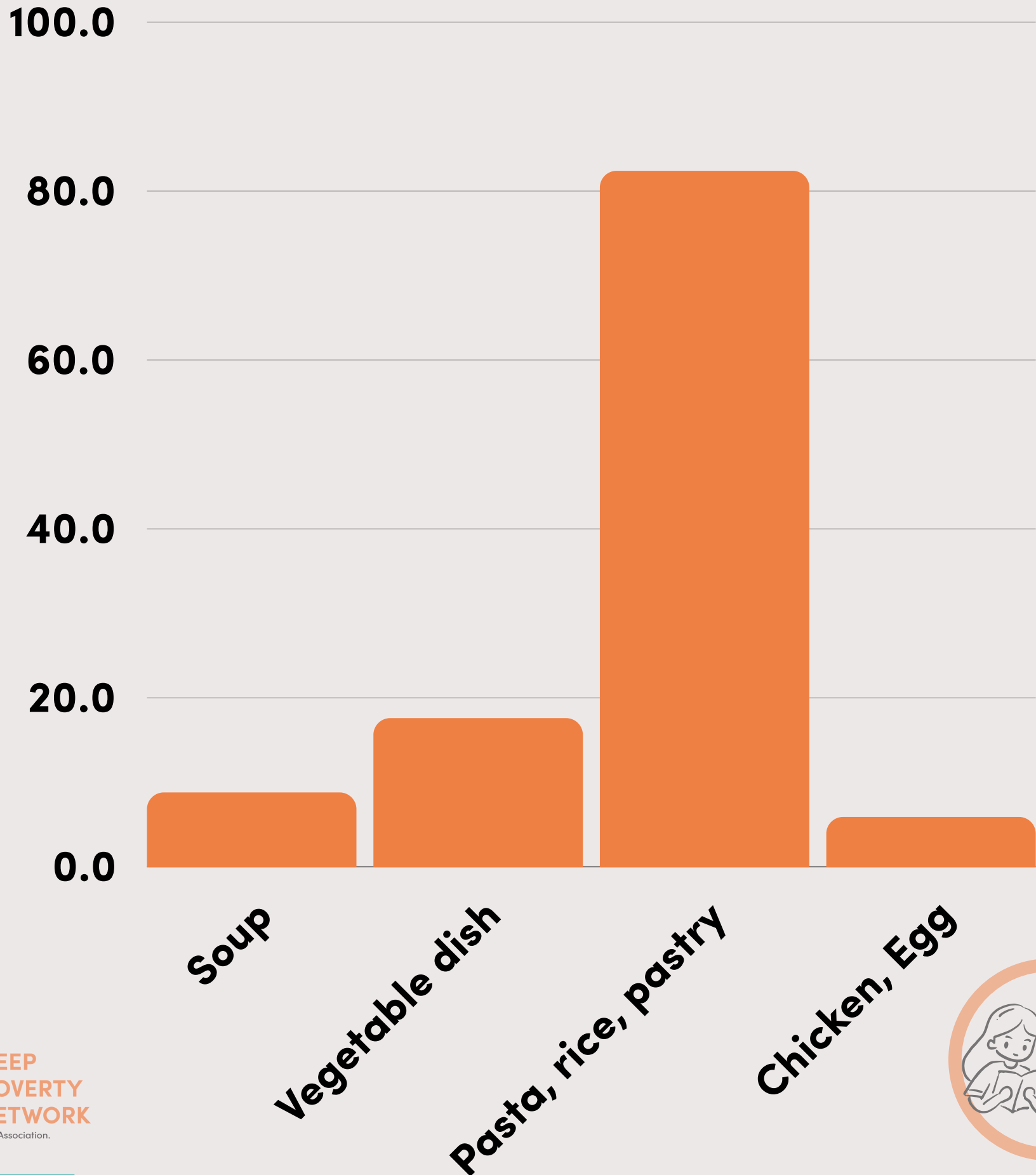
2-3 times a week
12.8%

Almost Never
55.3%

Once in a week
29.8%



What kind of food is brought to school?



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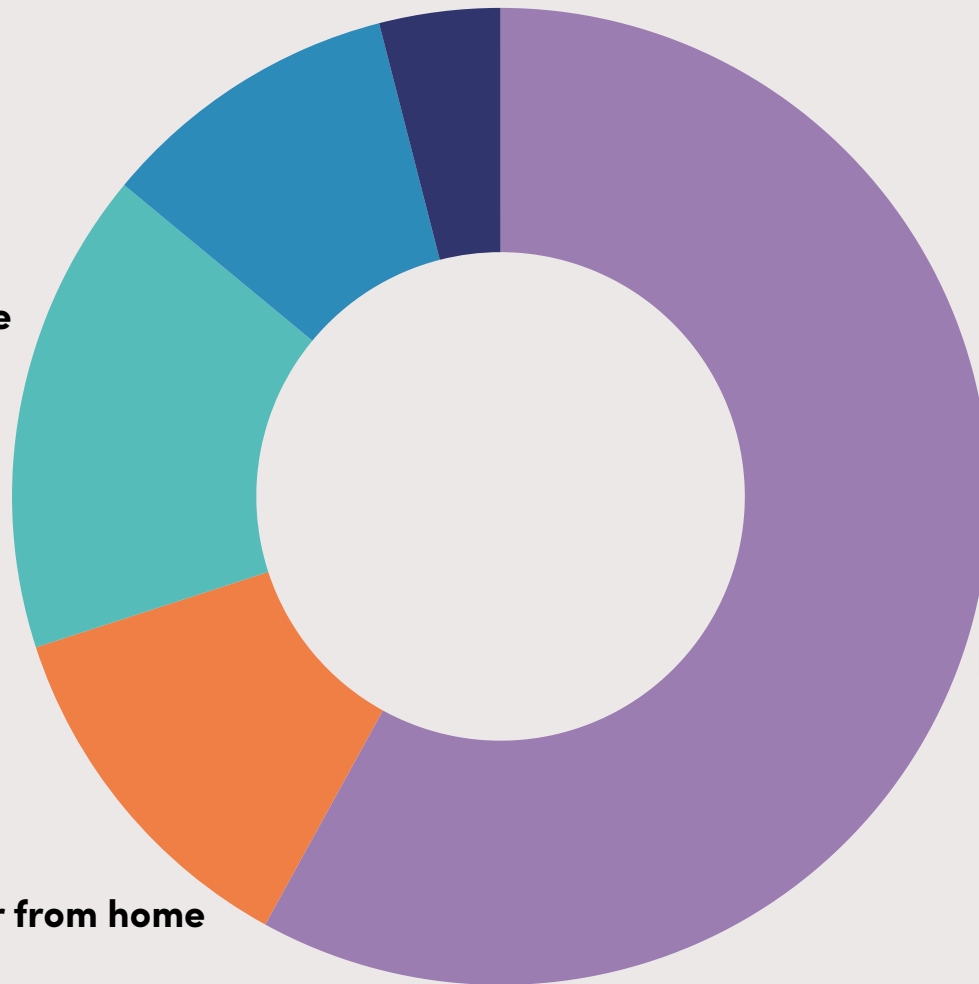
Access to clean water

Buys drinking water at school
10%

Brings distilled water from home
16%

Brings tap water from home
12%

Brings drinking water from home
58%



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"I swear both of my children never bought a tost or a hamburger... If I can find I make a sandwich with a slice of tomato or a lettuce. We even can not buy a fruit juice sometimes. One simit is 10-15 TL juice is 10 TL."*

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"I put pasta, soup or rice in their lunch - box but sometimes they do not even want to take them, so they come and go hungry"*

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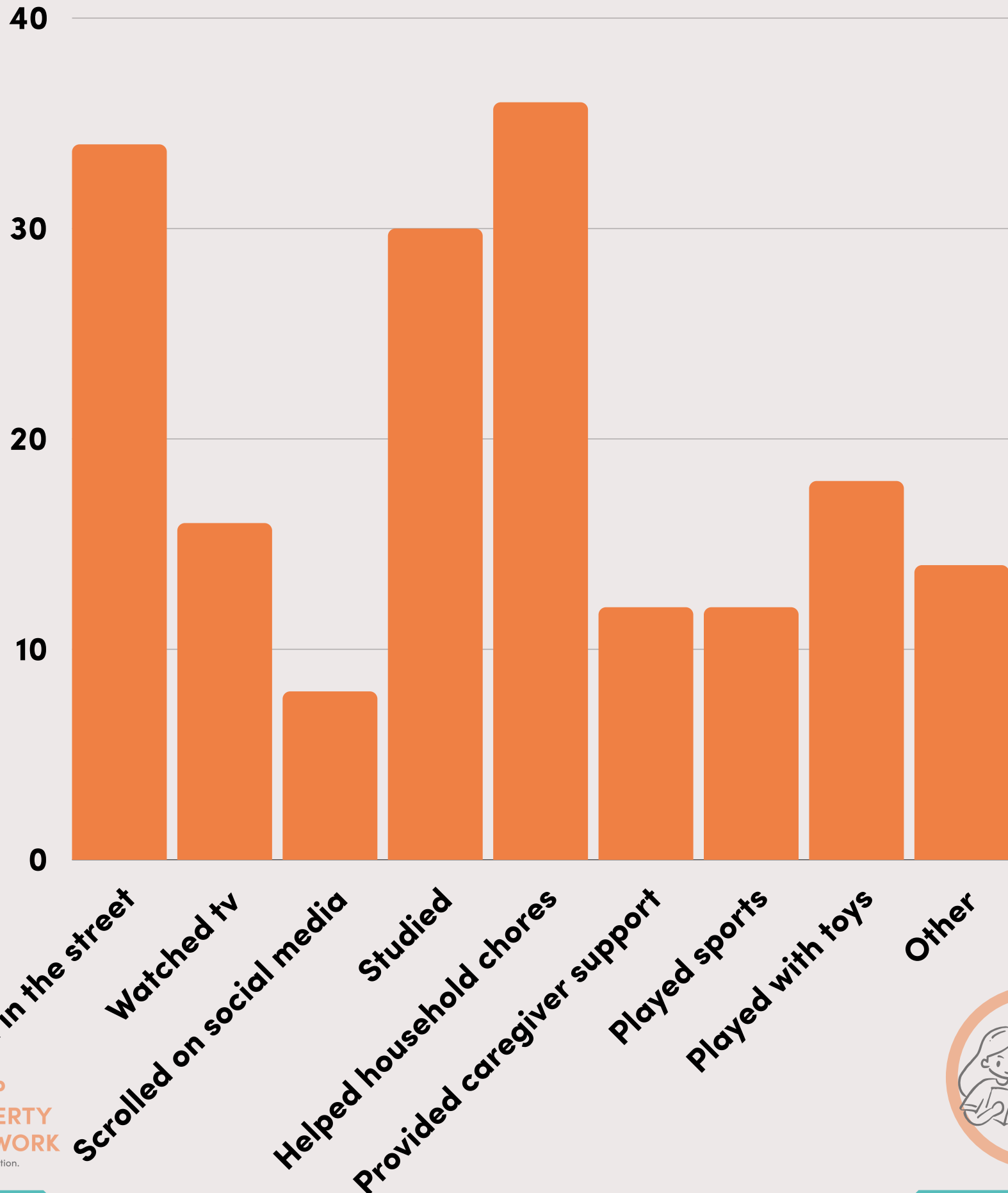
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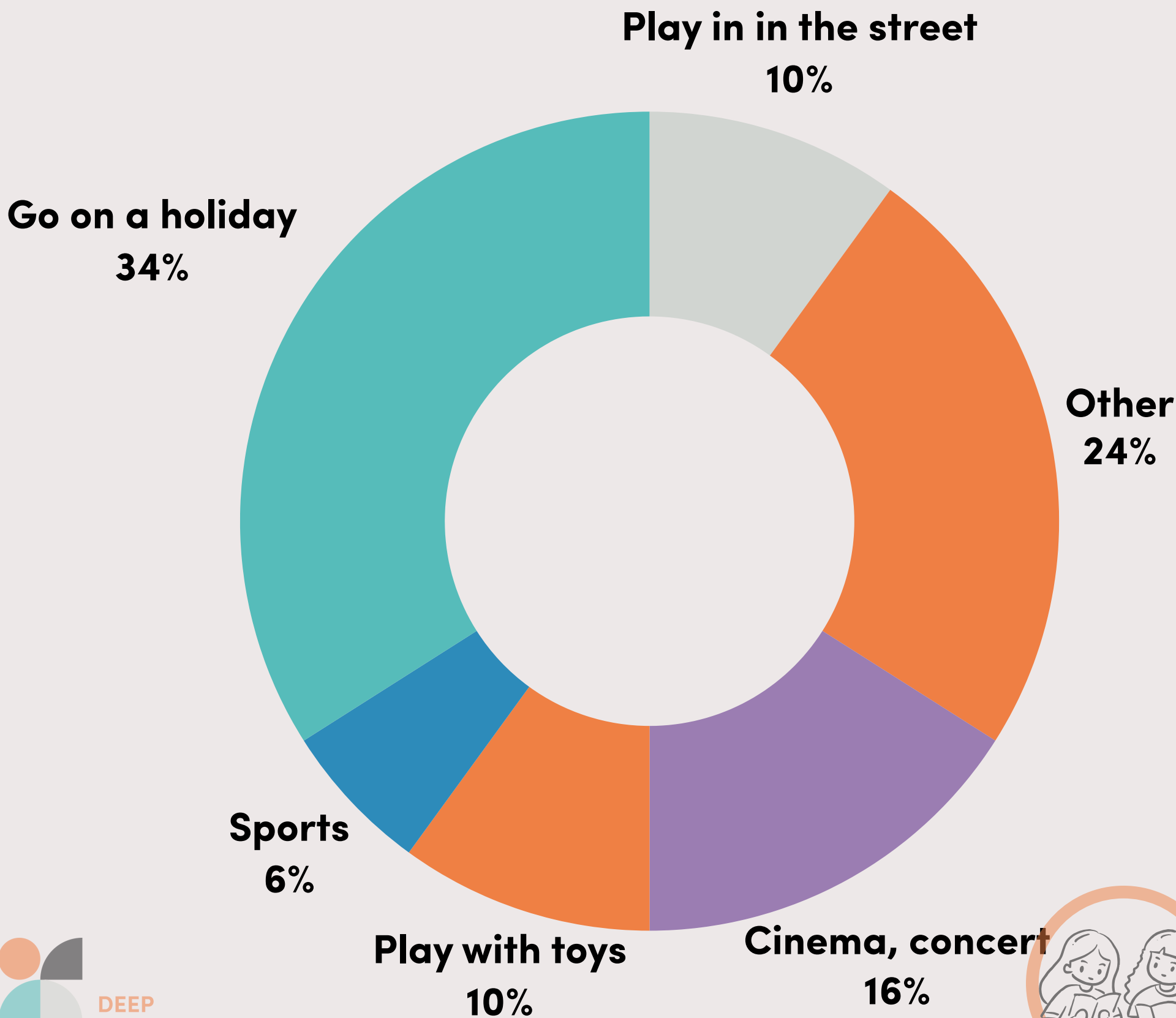


Semester Period

How time is spent in a semester period?



What is the desired semester activity?



“There is a place called Sapanca.
Houses have pools. She wants that.”

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"Entrance fee per child in indoor play facilities is 140 TL. She wants it very much but I earn 300TL daily by sweeping the stairs. If we spend it for this, how can we sustain a living."

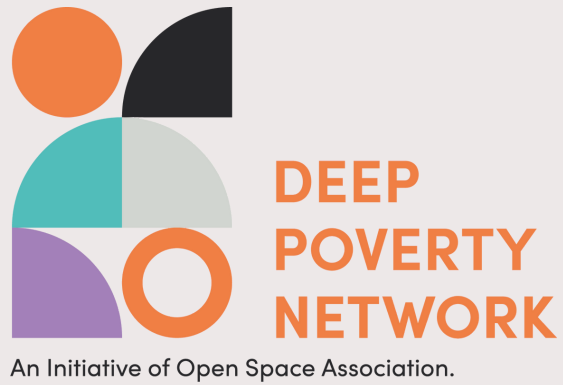
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"I am 32 years old, I've never been to a cinema. My children also are very curious about it. Sometimes a show comes to school. It costs around 80-100 TL. My child does not go and stays in the classroom."*

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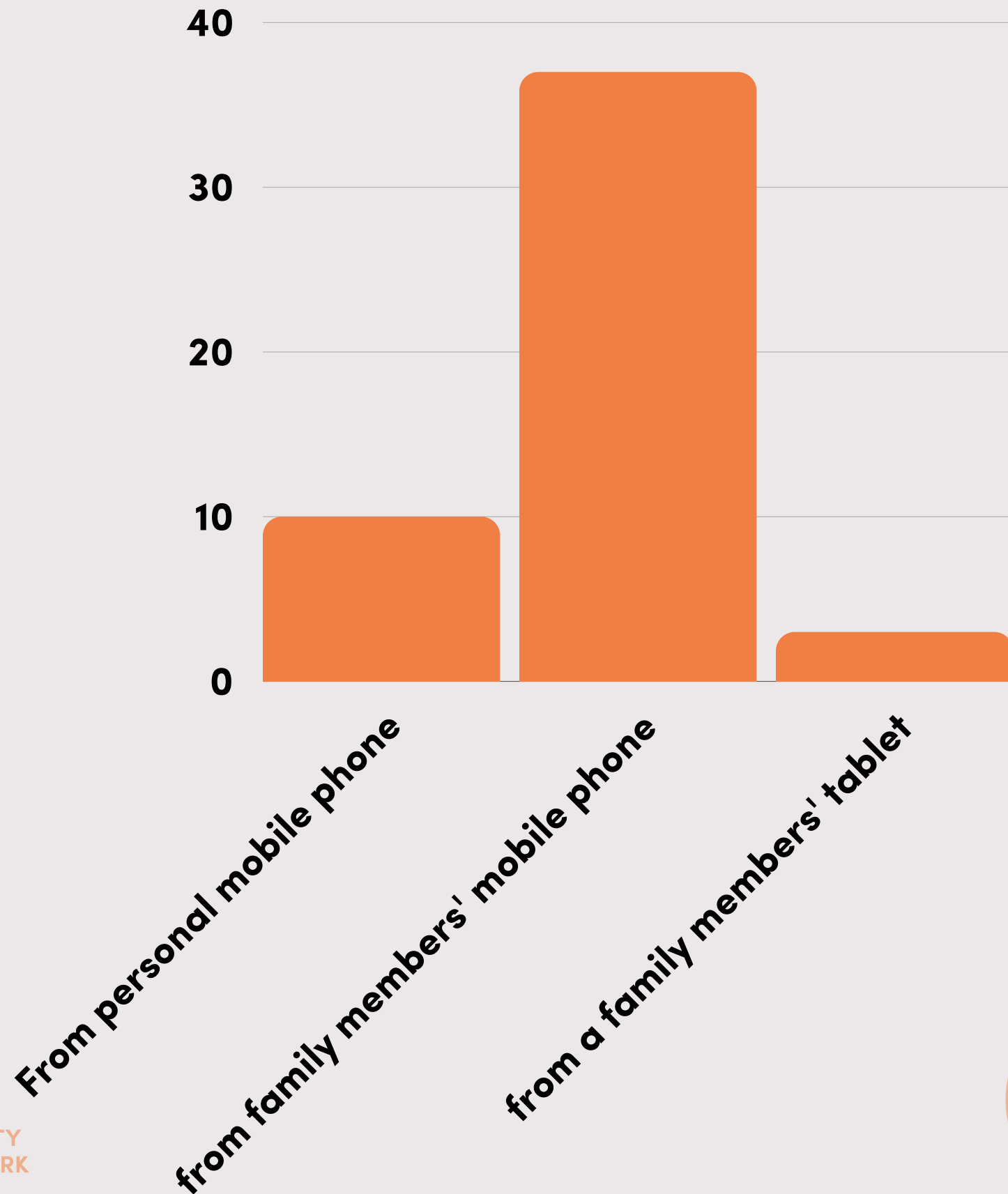
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Access to Information

Access to Internet

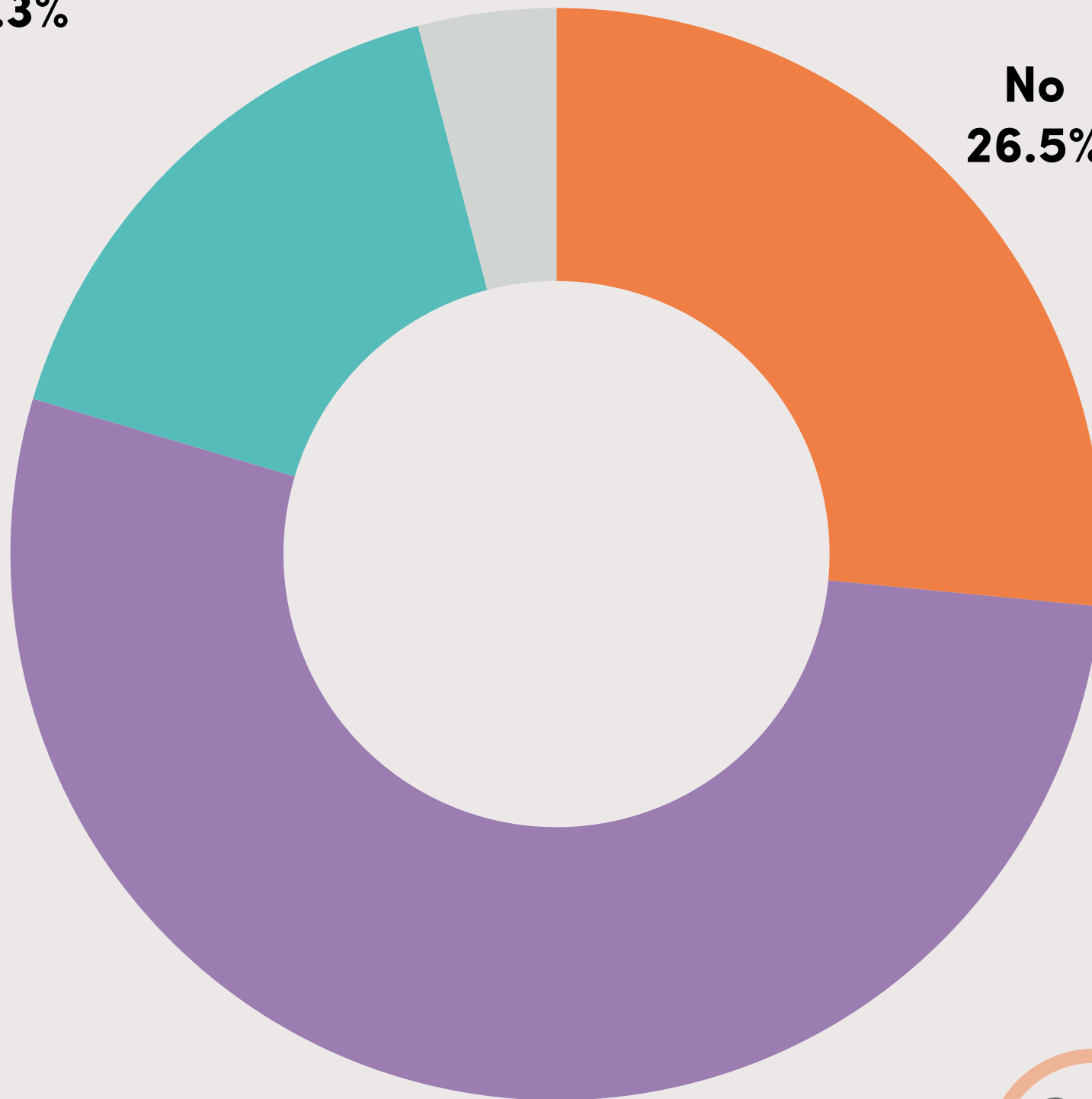


Do you have a wireless connection?

We share with our neighbor

16.3%

No
26.5%



We have our own wi-fi

53.1%



"She wants a computer very much."

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“We sometimes have connection problems. We dont have a tablet or a computer. I give her my mobile phone.”

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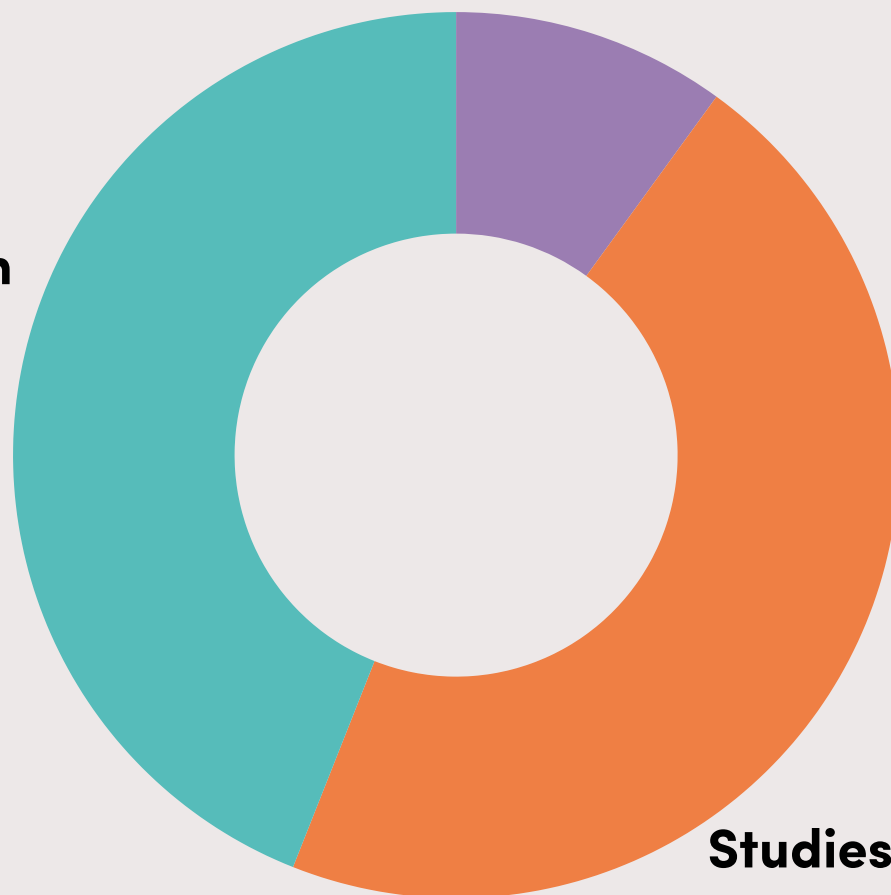
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Study Environment

Study space at home

Studies in her own room
10%



Studies in the living room
44%

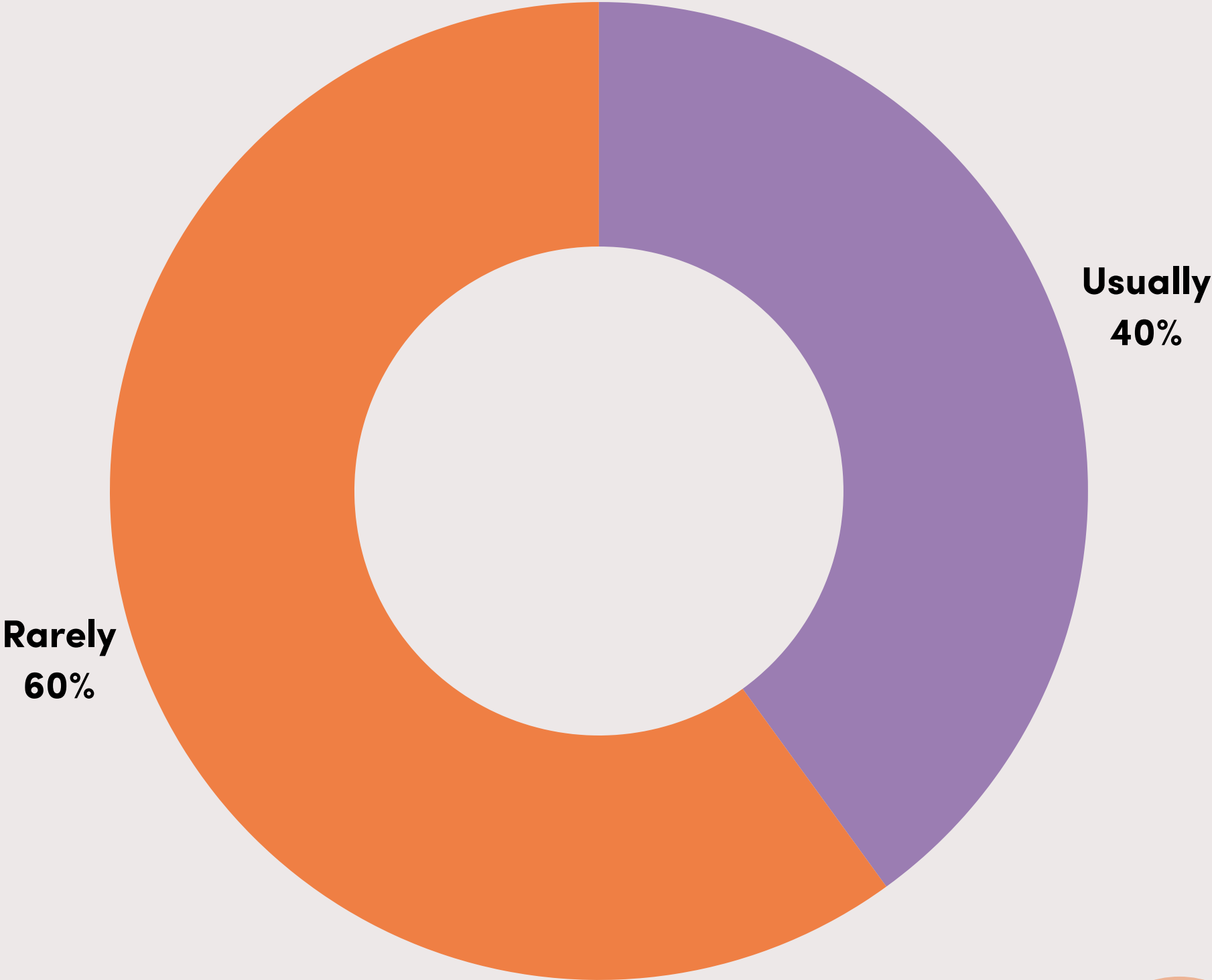
Studies in the shared room with
46%



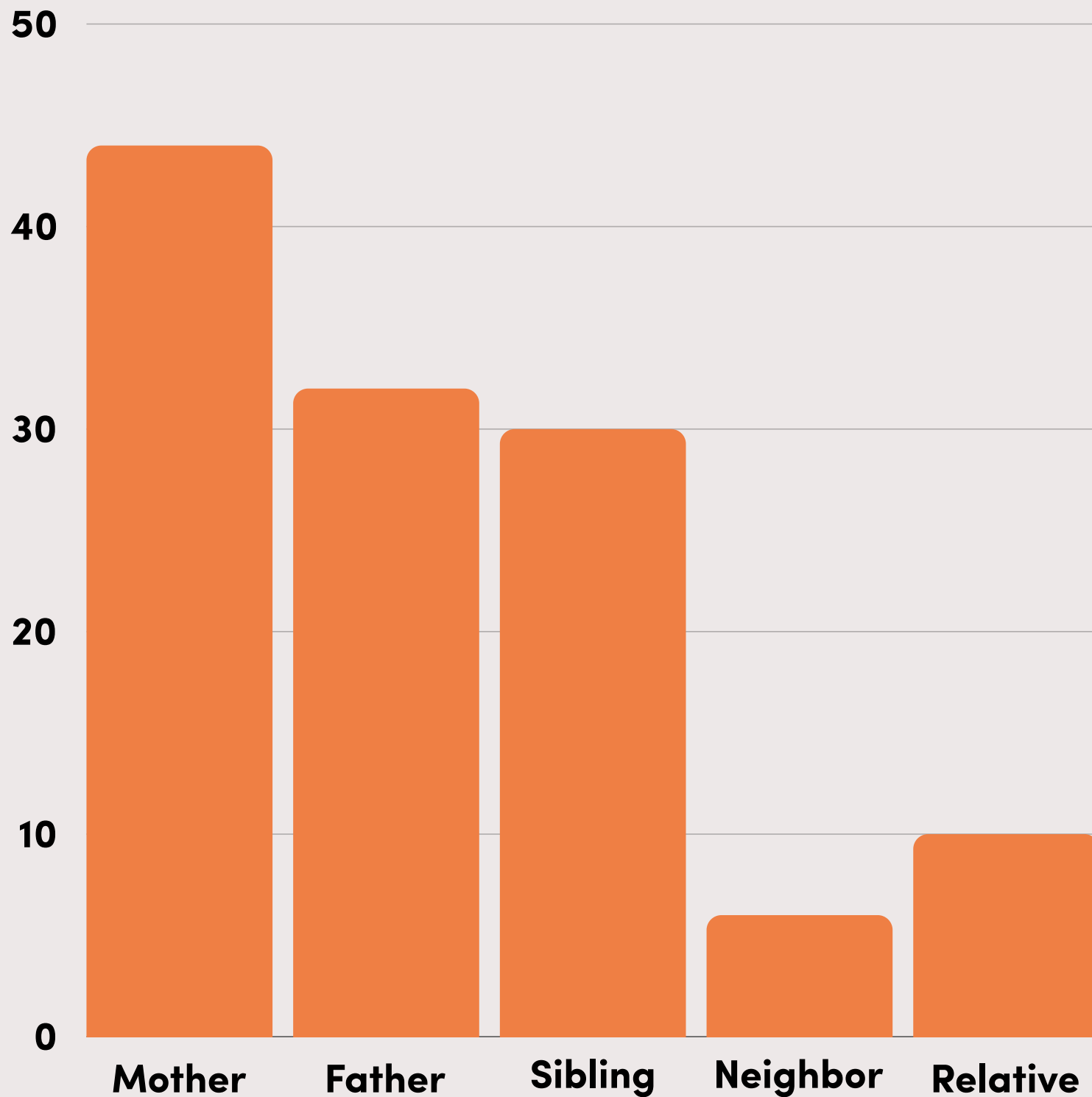
Have no desk of her own



Do they need support for the homework?



Who gives support for the homework?



"And also, excuse me for saying this but, Ahmet and his sibling's dream is to have their own wardrobe with two-three drawers."*

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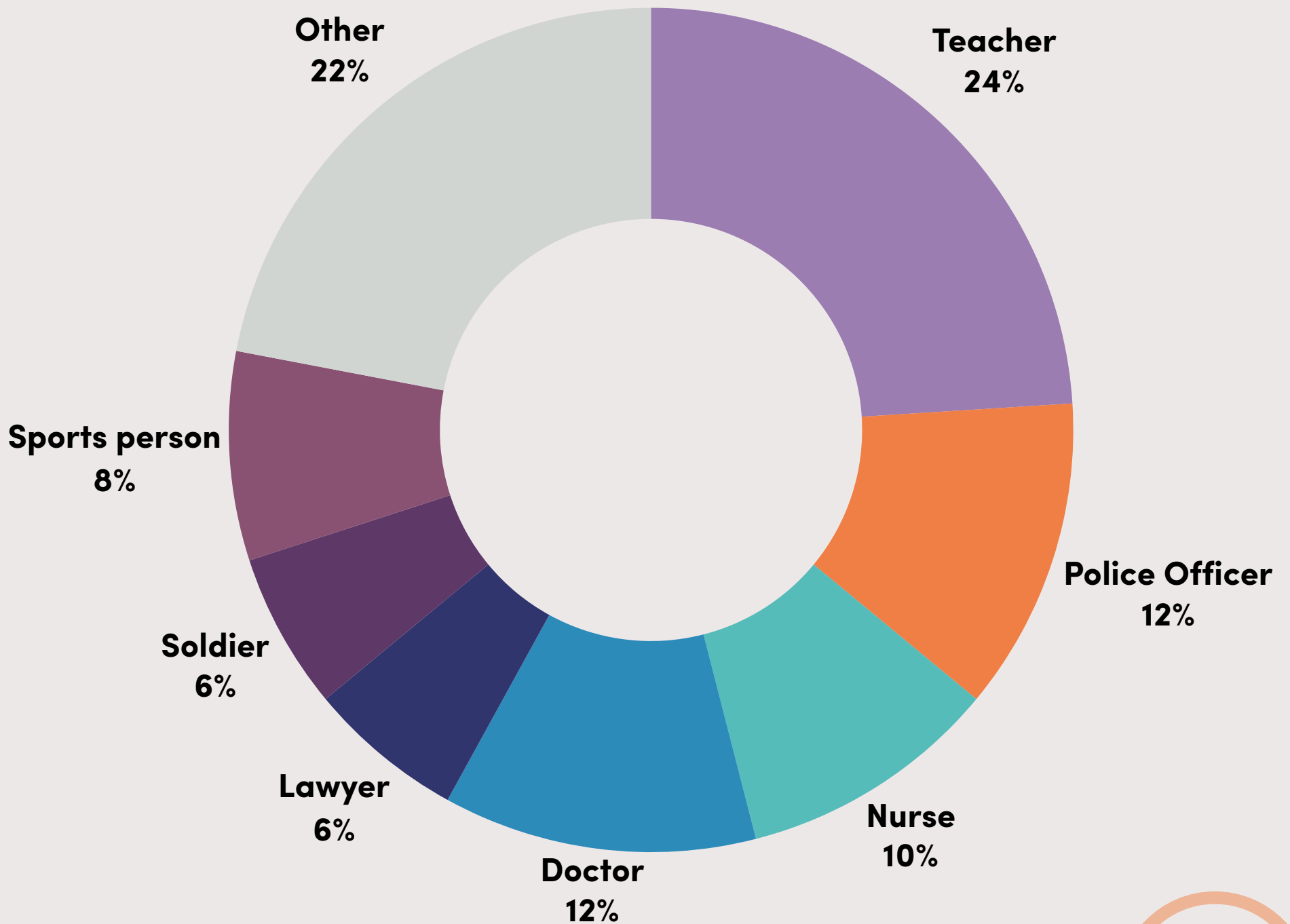


Financial Concerns

"Wants to continue attending school."



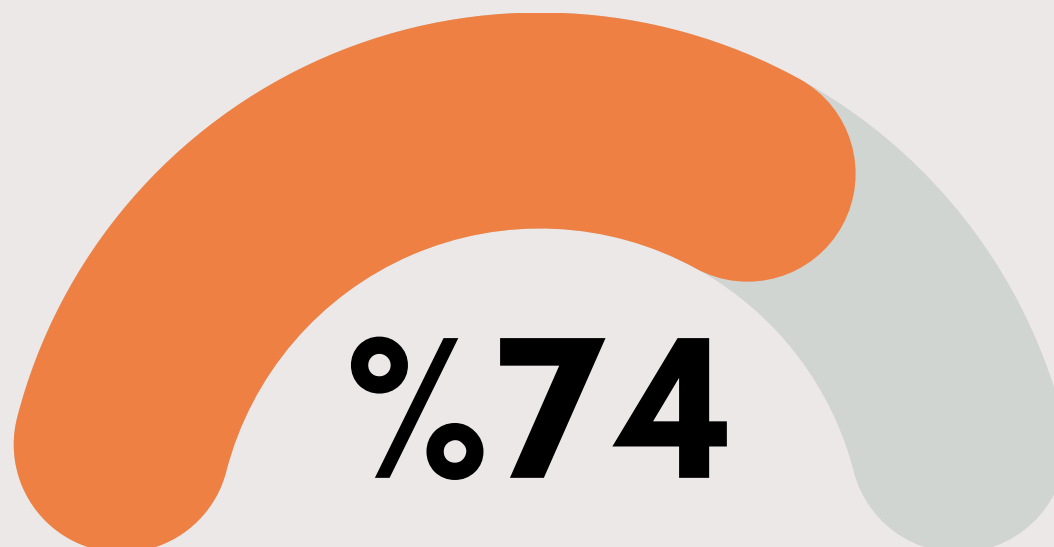
Most desired careers



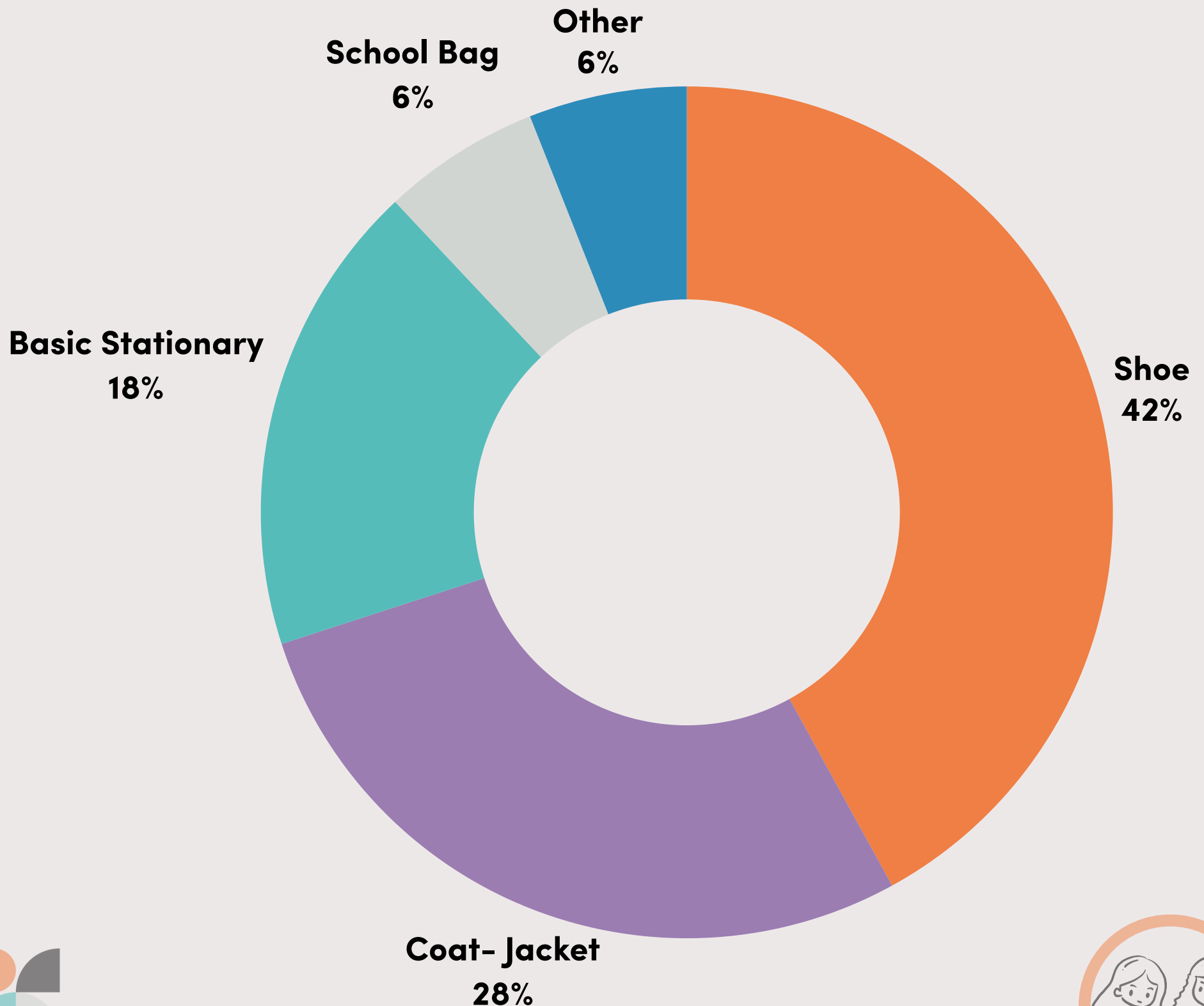
"I am concerned about my child's not being able to go to school."



"I am concerned about my child's not attending school because of financial difficulties."



What is needed most?



"They say, let's work and earn our pocket money. I started working at the 4th grade. Money was tempting so I dropped out. If they start earning money, they will lose interest in school. I didn't allow them to work."*

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"Really, my children don't even have proper clothes. When there is a performance at school, they don't want to go. They say, "Mom, are we going in this outfit?"*

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"In the 8th grade, there is only one book that summarizes all the topics."*

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"My elder daughter does not want to see her friends because she doesn't have many clothes. She says "They wear new clothes every weekend."*

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"Both of my children's bags are torn apart and they nearly have no stationary left."*

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