

Parent Information Session

2016-17

Suffa
learning@SBIA





Agenda

Background

How did we do last year

What does next year look like

Registration Logistics

Q & A



About us

- An SBI A Education Committee Initiative
- Organized and run by volunteers
- Weekend Islamic Learning Program
launched August 2015
- Other Sufia programs
 - STEM
 - Robotics

Our Mission

Impart a strong
Islamic identity to
our youth and
complement their
regular education to
build a strong
community for the
next generation





What we do

- Introduce and instill the main teachings of Islam into our students by the time they are ready to enter high school
- We use a very structured approach to teach Islam as a religion
- Build a sense of community in our young children





What we are not

- ◉ We are not a seminary
- ◉ We are not a hifz program
- ◉ Weekend teaching is not sufficient to complete reading the entire Qur'an
- ◉ We are not a day care facility



By the numbers

100

Students enrolled Aug 2015

20

Teachers

18+

Committed Volunteers

8

Grades/Sections

1

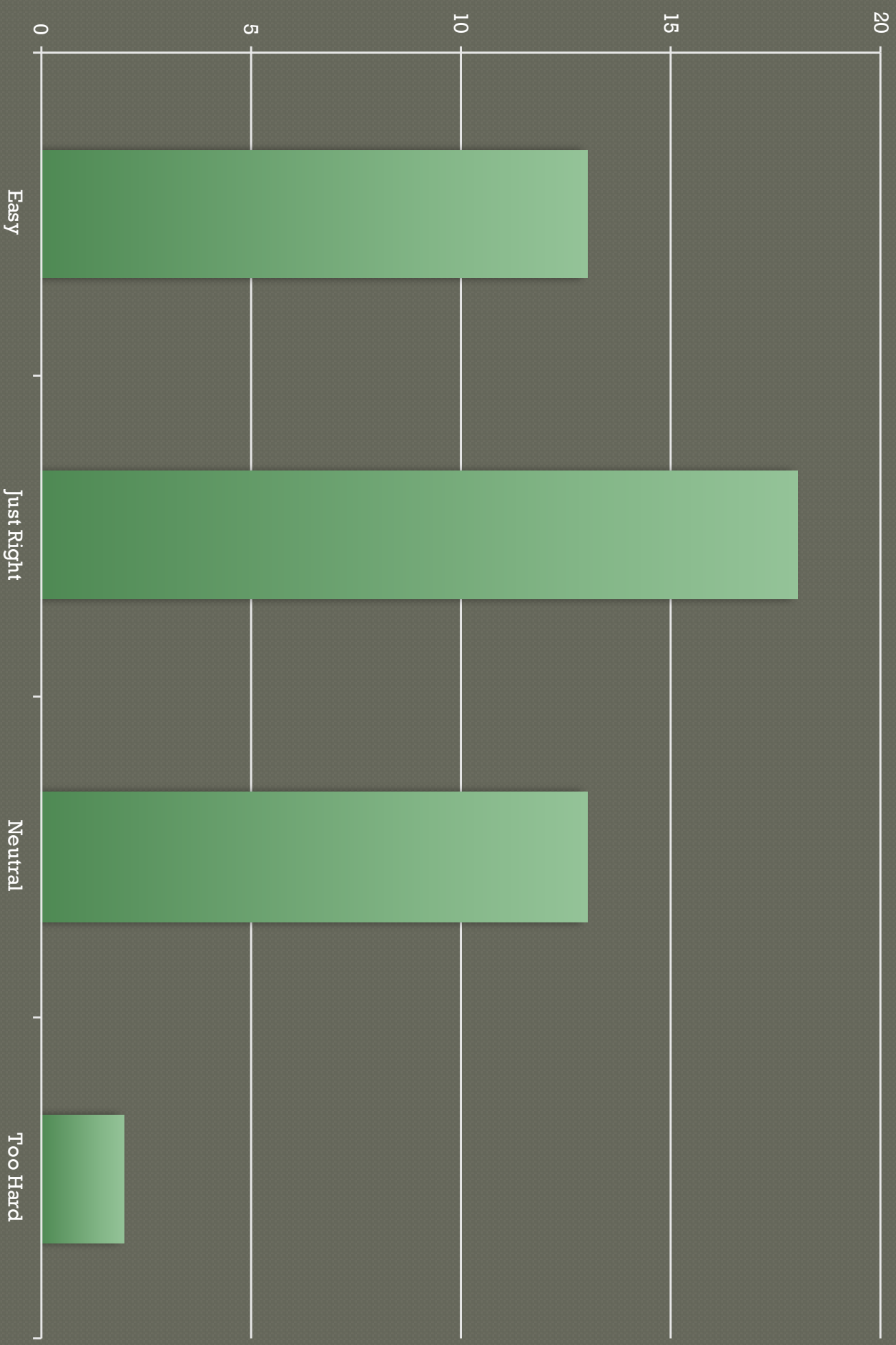
Community



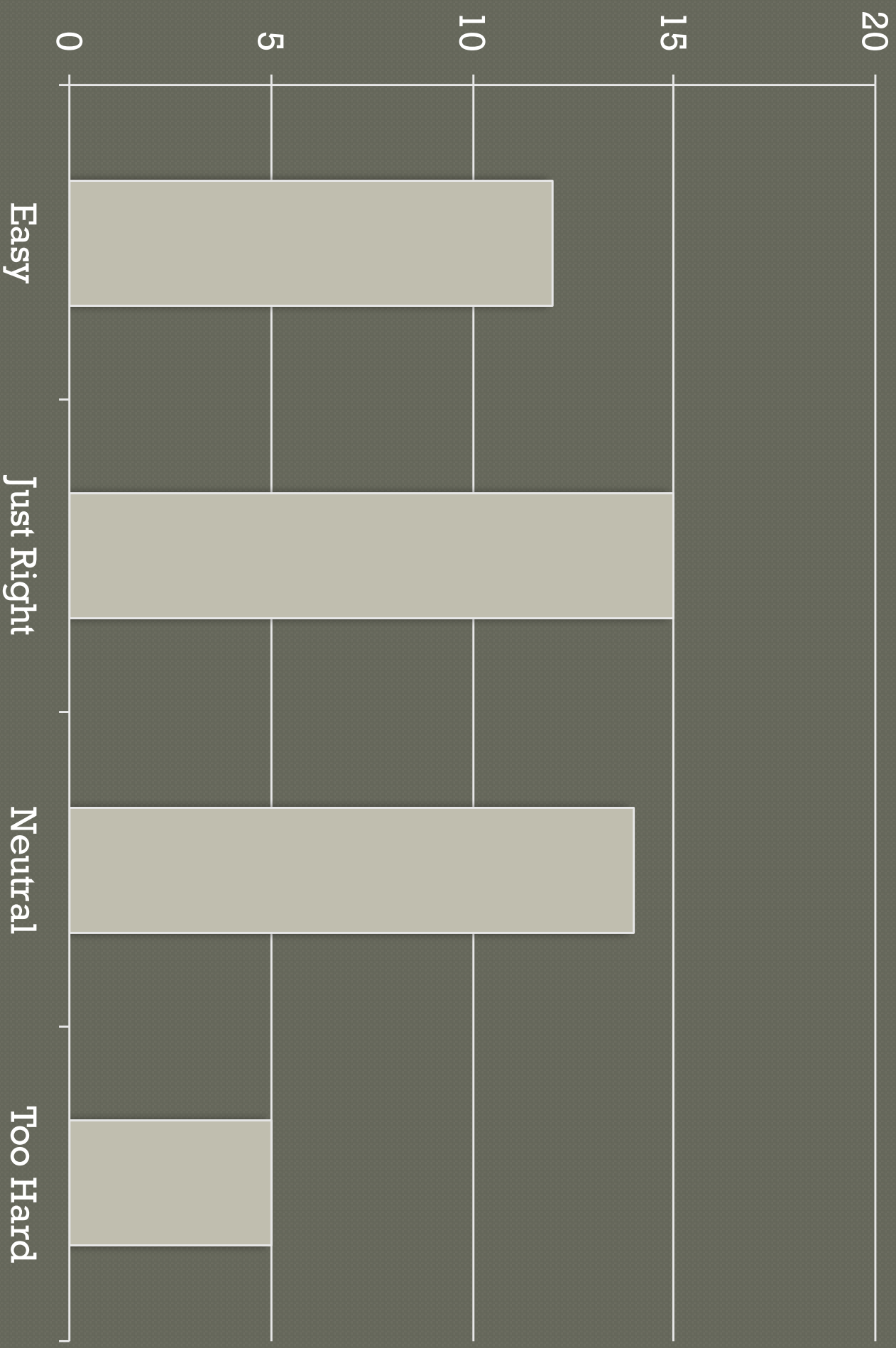
What we heard from you

- We surveyed our parents in the 1st week of April
- Parents of 46 students responded
- Questions related to
 - Difficulty of curriculum and homework
 - Activities
 - Teachers
 - Administration

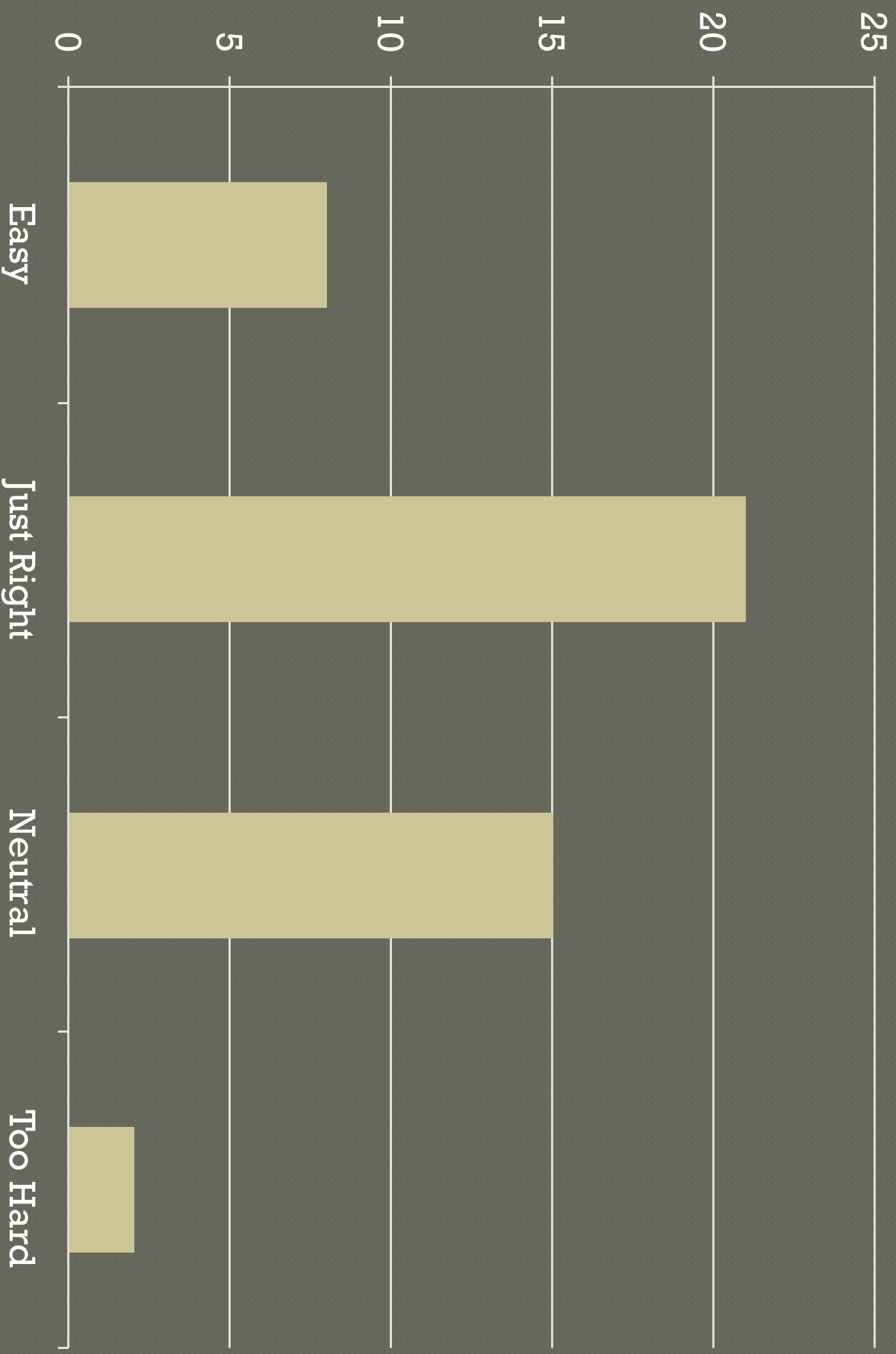
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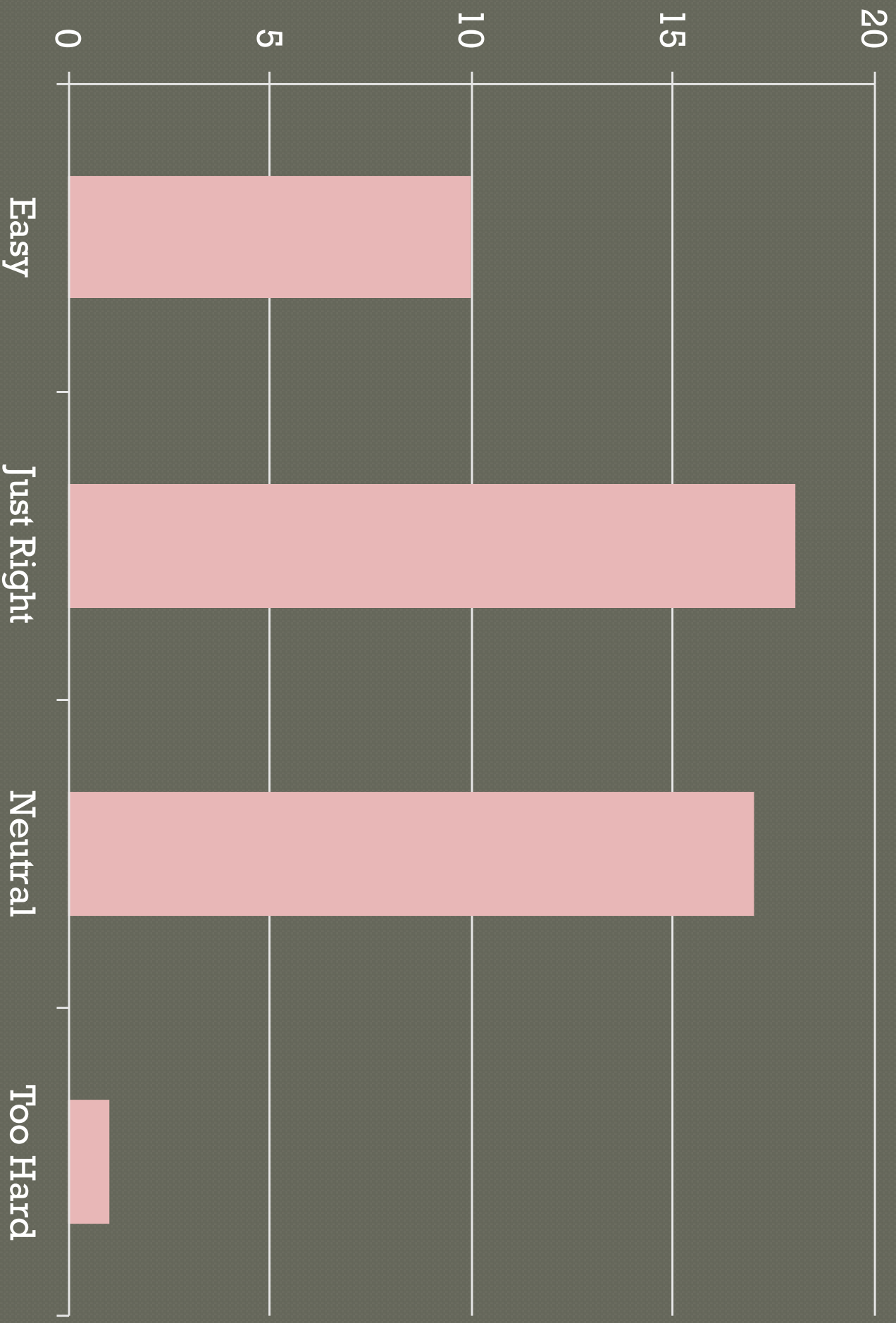
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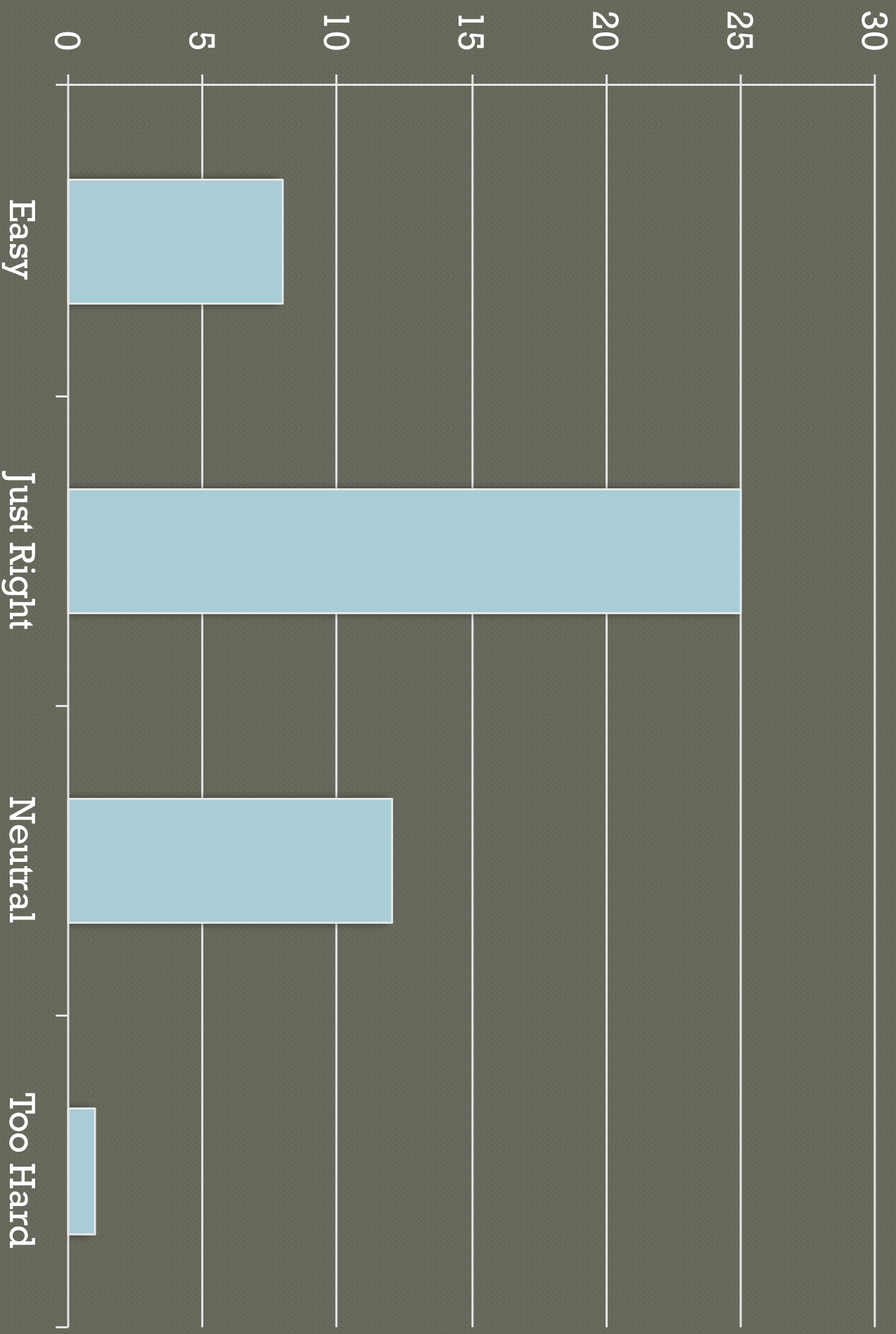
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Islamic Studies - HW



Activities





Staff and Administration

● Teaching Staff

- 73% rated the teachers **Good** or **Better**
- 34% rated the teachers **Excellent**

● Administration

- 78% rated the admin **Good** or **Better**
- 37% rated the administration **Excellent**



Curriculum

- Initial curriculum was based on Stanford
- Based on teacher and student feedback we are making some changes this year
- Islamic Studies:
 - Moving to “Weekend Islamic Studies” text
 - There will be fewer text books per class
- Qur’anic Studies:
 - Curriculum committee developing proposal to better match students to ability level



A typical day at Sufta

Time	Activity
9:30	Staff check-in; Breakfast/Tea
10:00-10:15	Assembly: Mandatory for Staff and Students Recommended for Parents
10:15-11:30	Period 1 (Qur'anic Studies)
11:30-12:00	Recess and Snack Break
12:00-1:15	Period 2 (Islamic Studies)
1:15	Dhuhr Adhan Salat at 1:30 Tasbihat and Dua after fardh
1:45	Dismissal Our volunteer staff will not be at Sufta after 1:45 pm.



Family Expectations

- We thank you for bringing your children to Suffa
- Exemplify what we ask our students to do
 - In our conduct, dress, manners, and communication
- Students need to be here on time for assembly and class
- Absences
 - We need to be informed of absences ahead of time
 - Repeated absences and tardiness can result in expulsion
 - 4 students were expelled this year



Family Expectations

- Students need to dress modestly
- Follow teacher communication via email
- Conduct in and out of classroom must be respectful
- Further details will be discussed at Orientation



Administration

- Suffa administration is here to help you
- We respond to all messages sent to suffa@sbia.info



Volunteering

- We need all parents to volunteer
- Volunteering tasks include:
 - Snack Committee
 - Recess Activities
 - Security
 - Substitute Teachers
 - Special Projects for administration
 - Special events

Volunteer Raffles





Registration Logistics

- Priority Registration
 - Current students and their siblings
 - Teachers' children
 - Ends April 30th
- General Registration
 - Starts May 1st
 - Open to all, subject to capacity constraints
 - First-come, first-served
 - You will be waitlisted if capacity is hit
- Registration is online only
 - www.sufta.info



Fee Structure

Students/Family	Fees (\$)
1	360
2	650
3	870
4+	1010

- Fees can be paid in two installments
- Financial assistance available for needy students