

The Big Five Inventory–2 (BFI-2)

Here are a number of characteristics that may or may not apply to you. For example, do you agree that you are someone who *likes to spend time with others*? Please write a number next to each statement to indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with that statement.

1	2	3	4	5
Disagree strongly	Disagree a little	Neutral; no opinion	Agree a little	Agree strongly

I am someone who...

- ___ Is outgoing, sociable.
- ___ Is compassionate, has a soft heart.
- ___ Tends to be disorganized.
- ___ Is relaxed, handles stress well.
- ___ Has few artistic interests.
- ___ Has an assertive personality.
- ___ Is respectful, treats others with respect.
- ___ Tends to be lazy.
- ___ Stays optimistic after experiencing a setback.
- ___ Is curious about many different things.
- ___ Rarely feels excited or eager.
- ___ Tends to find fault with others.
- ___ Is dependable, steady.
- ___ Is moody, has up and down mood swings.
- ___ Is inventive, finds clever ways to do things.
- ___ Tends to be quiet.
- ___ Feels little sympathy for others.
- ___ Is systematic, likes to keep things in order.
- ___ Can be tense.
- ___ Is fascinated by art, music, or literature.
- ___ Is dominant, acts as a leader.
- ___ Starts arguments with others.
- ___ Has difficulty getting started on tasks.
- ___ Feels secure, comfortable with self.
- ___ Avoids intellectual, philosophical discussions.
- ___ Is less active than other people.
- ___ Has a forgiving nature.
- ___ Can be somewhat careless.
- ___ Is emotionally stable, not easily upset.
- ___ Has little creativity.
- ___ Is sometimes shy, introverted.
- ___ Is helpful and unselfish with others.
- ___ Keeps things neat and tidy.
- ___ Worries a lot.
- ___ Values art and beauty.
- ___ Finds it hard to influence people.
- ___ Is sometimes rude to others.
- ___ Is efficient, gets things done.
- ___ Often feels sad.
- ___ Is complex, a deep thinker.
- ___ Is full of energy.
- ___ Is suspicious of others' intentions.
- ___ Is reliable, can always be counted on.
- ___ Keeps their emotions under control.
- ___ Has difficulty imagining things.
- ___ Is talkative.
- ___ Can be cold and uncaring.
- ___ Leaves a mess, doesn't clean up.
- ___ Rarely feels anxious or afraid.
- ___ Thinks poetry and plays are boring.
- ___ Prefers to have others take charge.
- ___ Is polite, courteous to others.
- ___ Is persistent, works until the task is finished.
- ___ Tends to feel depressed, blue.
- ___ Has little interest in abstract ideas.
- ___ Shows a lot of enthusiasm.
- ___ Assumes the best about people.
- ___ Sometimes behaves irresponsibly.
- ___ Is temperamental, gets emotional easily.
- ___ Is original, comes up with new ideas.

Please check: Did you write a number in front of each statement?
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Scoring Key

Item numbers for the BFI-2 domain and facet scales are listed below. Reverse-keyed items are denoted by “R.” For more information about the BFI-2, visit the Colby Personality Lab website (<http://www.colby.edu/psych/personality-lab/>).

Domain Scales

Extraversion: 1, 6, 11R, 16R, 21, 26R, 31R, 36R, 41, 46, 51R, 56
Agreeableness: 2, 7, 12R, 17R, 22R, 27, 32, 37R, 42R, 47R, 52, 57
Conscientiousness: 3R, 8R, 13, 18, 23R, 28R, 33, 38, 43, 48R, 53, 58R
Negative Emotionality: 4R, 9R, 14, 19, 24R, 29R, 34, 39, 44R, 49R, 54, 59
Open-Mindedness: 5R, 10, 15, 20, 25R, 30R, 35, 40, 45R, 50R, 55R, 60

Facet Scales

Sociability: 1, 16R, 31R, 46
Assertiveness: 6, 21, 36R, 51R
Energy Level: 11R, 26R, 41, 56
Compassion: 2, 17R, 32, 47R
Respectfulness: 7, 22R, 37R, 52
Trust: 12R, 27, 42R, 57
Organization: 3R, 18, 33, 48R
Productiveness: 8R, 23R, 38, 53
Responsibility: 13, 28R, 43, 58R
Anxiety: 4R, 19, 34, 49R
Depression: 9R, 24R, 39, 54
Emotional Volatility: 14, 29R, 44R, 59
Intellectual Curiosity: 10, 25R, 40, 55R
Aesthetic Sensitivity: 5R, 20, 35, 50R
Creative Imagination: 15, 30R, 45R, 60

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