

The Big Five Inventory–2 Short Form (BFI-2-S)

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 Disagree strongly	2 Disagree a little	3 Neutral; no opinion	4 Agree a little	5 Agree strongly
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I am someone who...

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| 1. ___ Tends to be quiet. | 16. ___ Is outgoing, sociable. |
| 2. ___ Is compassionate, has a soft heart. | 17. ___ Can be cold and uncaring. |
| 3. ___ Tends to be disorganized. | 18. ___ Keeps things neat and tidy. |
| 4. ___ Worries a lot. | 19. ___ Is relaxed, handles stress well. |
| 5. ___ Is fascinated by art, music, or literature. | 20. ___ Has few artistic interests. |
| 6. ___ Is dominant, acts as a leader. | 21. ___ Prefers to have others take charge. |
| 7. ___ Is sometimes rude to others. | 22. ___ Is respectful, treats others with respect. |
| 8. ___ Has difficulty getting started on tasks. | 23. ___ Is persistent, works until the task is finished. |
| 9. ___ Tends to feel depressed, blue. | 24. ___ Feels secure, comfortable with self. |
| 10. ___ Has little interest in abstract ideas. | 25. ___ Is complex, a deep thinker. |
| 11. ___ Is full of energy. | 26. ___ Is less active than other people. |
| 12. ___ Assumes the best about people. | 27. ___ Tends to find fault with others. |
| 13. ___ Is reliable, can always be counted on. | 28. ___ Can be somewhat careless. |
| 14. ___ Is emotionally stable, not easily upset. | 29. ___ Is temperamental, gets emotional easily. |
| 15. ___ Is original, comes up with new ideas. | 30. ___ Has little creativity. |
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Please check: Did you write a number in front of each statement?
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Scoring Key

Item numbers for scoring the BFI-2-S domain and facet scales are listed below. Reverse-keyed items are denoted by “R.” Due to the limited reliability of the two-item facet scales, we only recommend using them in samples with approximately 400 or more observations. For more information about the BFI-2, visit the Colby Personality Lab website (<http://www.colby.edu/psych/personality-lab/>).

Domain Scales

Extraversion: 1R, 6, 11, 16, 21R, 26R
Agreeableness: 2, 7R, 12, 17R, 22, 27R
Conscientiousness: 3R, 8R, 13, 18, 23, 28R
Negative Emotionality: 4, 9, 14R, 19R, 24R, 29
Open-Mindedness: 5, 10R, 15, 20R, 25, 30R

Facet Scales

Sociability: 1R, 16
Assertiveness: 6, 21R
Energy Level: 11, 26R
Compassion: 2, 17R
Respectfulness: 7R, 22
Trust: 12, 27R
Organization: 3R, 18
Productiveness: 8R, 23
Responsibility: 13, 28R
Anxiety: 4, 19R
Depression: 9, 24R
Emotional Volatility: 14R, 29
Aesthetic Sensitivity: 5, 20R
Intellectual Curiosity: 10R, 25
Creative Imagination: 15, 30R

Citations for the BFI-2 and BFI-2-S

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