

Brain Body Center Sensory Scales (BBCSS) Adult Form Self-Report

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The *Brain Body Center Sensory Scales (BBCSS)* are designed as a general, preliminary assessment of behaviors related to sensory processing profiles, including auditory, visual, and tactile processing, and feeding behaviors. Individual responses to different environmental stimuli vary widely, and learning more about an individual's sensory processing is an important component of any comprehensive behavioral evaluation.

If you are unsure whether you have ever displayed the behavior in question, or if you have NEVER displayed the behavior, please answer Not sure/Not Applicable.



Auditory Processing

1.	 How often do you respond negatively to unexpected or loud noises (for example, hide or cringe at noise from ambulance, train, fire or car alarm, fireworks)? 				
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
2.	How often do you noise around?	u become distracted, or	have difficulty following vert	oal instructions when	there is a lot of
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
3.	How often do yo	u hold your hands over	or plug your ears?		I
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
4.	How often do yo	u not hear what others	say (for example, you fail to p	bay attention to what	t others say)?
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
5.	How often do yo airplanes)?	u have trouble working	with background noise (for e	xample, air conditior	ner, traffic noises,
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
6.	How often do yo problem?	u not respond when you	ur name is called, even thougl	h you know your hea	ring is not a
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
7.	How often are vo	uuusually angry frid	htened, or in pain when other	s cry or scream?	I
/.	o	o unusuany angry, mg		o	0
			-		
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
					I



0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicat
How often are y	ou unaware of continuo	us noise in the environment (†	for example, TV, ste	reo)?
0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicat
. How often are ye example, TV, ste		ted, or disturbed by continuo	us noise in the envir	onment (for
0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicat
. How often do yo	u take a long time to re	spond when spoken to, even t	o familiar voices?	
0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicat
	u startle easily at sound n, blender, fire alarms)?	l, compared to others, with lo ?	ud or high-pitched r	ioises (for
0	0	0	0	0
	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicat
Almost Always				
·		not normally noticed by othe	r people (for examp	le, air conditioning
. How often are y		not normally noticed by othe	r people (for examp O	le, air conditioning
How often are y fans, trains or pl	anes outside)?			0
 How often are yo fans, trains or pl Almost Always How often do yo 	Frequently/ Often	0	O Almost Never	O Not Sure/ Not Applical
 How often are yo fans, trains or pl Almost Always How often do yo 	Frequently/ Often	O Sometimes/ Occasionally .e. become distracted or anxio	O Almost Never	O Not Sure/ Not Applicat



Visual Processing

15. How often are ye	ou bothered by bright lig	ghts after others' eyes have a	dapted to the same	light?
0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
16. How often do yo	u cover your eyes or sq	uint?		
0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
17. How often are ye	ou unable to tolerate br	ight lights?		
0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
18. How often are ye	ou unable to tolerate fla	shing lights?		
0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
19. How often do yo	u get agitated when ex	posed to bright lights?		'
0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
20. How often are ye	ou sensitive to bright lig	hts (for example, squint or cl	ose eyes)?	
0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
21. How often are ye	ou sensitive to flashing	lights (for example, squint or	close eyes)?	
0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
22. How often do yo	u hesitate to go outside	when it's sunny?		
0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable



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23. How often are you easily distracted by movement only you can see?

0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable

24. How often are you easily distracted by movements of objects (i.e. mechanical objects or repetitive movements)?

0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable



Tactile Processing (Touch)

25.	How often are yo	u distressed or overly-	sensitive to tooth-brushing?		
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
26.	How often are yo	u distressed or overly-	sensitive to face-washing?		I
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
27.	How often are yo	u distressed or overly-	sensitive to fingernail-cutting?	?	1
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
28.	How often are yo	u distressed or overly-	sensitive to hair-brushing?		
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
29.	How often do you	ı remove labels or tags	from most clothing, or ask th	at they be removed?	
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
30.	How often do you	ı refuse to wear certain	n fabrics or find certain fabrics	irritating?	I
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
31.	How often do you	ı find certain garments	are too tight, scratchy or irrit	ating?	I
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
32.	How often do you	ı prefer to not wear cer	tain clothing items?		I
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
33.	How often do you	ı resist hugging?			
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable



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34. How often do you react negatively or overly sensitively to hand-holding?

0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable

35. How often do you react emotionally or overly sensitively to being touched?

0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable

36. How often do you react emotionally or overly sensitively when touching very cold objects with your hands?

0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable

37. How often do you react emotionally or overly sensitively when very cold objects touch your face?

0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable



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Ingestion and Digestion

38.	How often do you	avoid certain tastes?			
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
39.	How often do vou	ı resist certain textures	of food?		
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
40	How often do voi	ı avoid certain food sm	alle?		
40.	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
41.	How often do you	ı resist certain tempera	tures of food?		
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
42.	How often do you	u aaa?			
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
43.	How often do you	ı vomit?			
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
44.	How often do you	a have acid reflux?			
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
45.	How often do you	I have excessive intesti	nal gas?		
	0	0	0	0	0
	Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable



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46. How often are you constipated?

0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
47. How often do you	experience stomach o	r intestinal cramping?		
-	-			
0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
48. How often do you l	have difficulty swallow	ving solid foods?		
0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
49. How often do you	suck on objects other	than food (for example, pen, l	lip, own tongue)?	
0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable

50. How often do you eat (or want to eat) significantly less than you think is appropriate for your size or age?

0	0	0	0	0
Almost Always	Frequently/ Often	Sometimes/ Occasionally	Almost Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable