

The California Child Q-Sort

Super-Items

- ✓ 1. Empathic relatedness. EMPREL (\* Reflected)
  2. Is considerate of other children.
  15. Shows concern for moral issues (reciprocity, fairness).
  31. Shows a recognition of others' feelings: empathic.
  76. Can be trusted, is dependable.
  30. Tends to arouse liking in adults.
  6. Is helpful and cooperative.
  25. Uses and responds to reason.
  32. Tends to give, lend, and share.
- ✓ 2. Compliance/non-compliance. COMPLY/I (Y at age 7, I at age 4)
  44. When in conflict with others, tends to give in.
  62. Is obedient and compliant.
  14. Is eager to please.
  82. Is self-assertive.\*
  18. Expresses negative feelings directly and openly.\*
  85. Is aggressive (physically or verbally).\*
  90. Is stubborn.\*
  13. Characteristically tries to stretch limits.\*
- ✓ 3. Worrying, anxious. WORRY
  23. Is fearful and anxious.
  24. Tends to brood ruminate or worry.
  75. Is cheerful.\*
4. Energetic. ENERGEXY
  26. Is physically active.
  28. Is vital, energetic, lively.
  51. Is agile and well coordinated.
  63. Has a rapid personal tempo.
- ✓ 5. Popular with peers. POPLAR
  4. Gets along well with other children.
  5. Is admired and sought out by other children.
6. Task oriented. TASKOR
  41. Is persistent; does not give up easily.
  47. Has high standards of performance for self.
  66. Is attentive and able to concentrate.
7. Resilient. RESILN
  36. Is resourceful in initiating activities.
  43. Can recoup or recover after stressful experiences.
  74. Becomes strongly involved in what (s)he does.
  89. Is competent, skillful.
  96. Is creative in perception, thought, work, or play.
  53. Tends to be indecisive and vacillating.\*

8. Negative evaluation of self. NEGSLF

- ✓ 72. Has a readiness to feel guilty, tends to blame self.
- ✓ 77. Appears to feel unworthy, thinks of self as "bad".
- 16. Tends to be proud of his accomplishments.\*

9. Manipulativeness. MANIP

- ✓ 20. Tries to take advantage of others.
- 21. Tries to be the center of attention.
- 22. Tries to manipulate others by ingratiation.

10. Behavioral inhibition or constriction. INHIB

- 35. Is inhibited and constricted.
- 52. Is physically cautious.

11. Externalizing vulnerability. EXTERN

- ✓ 11. Attempt to transfer blame to others.
- ✓ 55. Is afraid of being deprived; concerned about getting enough
- 56. Is jealous and envious of others.
- 57. Tends to dramatize or exaggerate mishaps.
- 78. Is easily offended, sensitive to ridicule or criticism.
- 94. Tends to be sulky or whiny.

12. Brittleness, lack of resourcefulness. BRITLE

- 12. Reverts to immature behavior under stress.
- ✓ 33. Cries easily.
- ✓ 46. Tends to go to pieces under stress.
- ✓ 54. Has rapid shifts in mood; emotionally labile.
- 95. Overreacts to minor frustrations; easily irritated.

13. Autonomy striving. AUTONY

- ✓ 83. Seeks to be independent and autonomous.
- ✓ 88. Is self-reliant, confident.
- 48. Seeks reassurance from others about his worth.\*

14. Interpersonal reserve. RESERV

- 1. Prefers non-verbal methods of communication.
- ✓ 8. Tends to keep thoughts and feelings to self.
- ✓ 98. Is shy and reserved, makes social contacts slowly.
- 58. Is emotionally expressive.\*
- 84. Is a talkative child.\*

15. Verbal facility. VERFAC

- 68. Appears to have high intellectual capacity.
- 69. Is verbally fluent.

16. Negative evaluation of others. NEGOTH

- ✓ 61. Tends to be judgmental of others' behavior.
- ✓ 79. Tends to be suspicious and distrustful of others.
- 3. Is warm and responsive.\*
- 73. Responds to humor.\*

17. Fantasy orientation. FANTSY

- ✓ 38. Has unusual thought processes.
- ✓ 70. Daydreams, tends to get lost in reverie.
- ✓ 97. Has an active fantasy life.

18. Interpersonal relatedness, friendship. RELATD  
 ✓ 9. Develops genuine and close relationships. *combine*  
 10. Has transient interpersonal relationships.\*
19. Physical attractiveness. ATTRAC  
 92. Is physically attractive, good-looking.  
 27. Is visibly deviant from peers.\*
20. Victimized, scapegoated. SCPGTD  
 71. Looks to adults for help and direction.  
 { 100. Is easily victimized by other children; often scapegoated.  
 93. Behaves in a dominating manner with others.\*
21. Undercontrol. UNTRL  
 65. Is unable to delay gratification.  
 59. Is neat and orderly in dress and behavior.\*  
 67. Is planful, thinks ahead.\*  
 99. Is reflective; thinks and deliberates before acting.\*

Super-Items not included in above scales:

1. Is restless and fidgety. RESLES  
 34. Is restless and fidgety.
- ✓ 2. Is an interesting, arresting child. INTERS  
 42. Is an interesting, arresting child.
- ✓ 3. Has bodily symptoms as a function of tension and conflict. BO/UDSYM (U at age 7;  
 50. Has bodily symptoms as a function of tension and conflict. 0 at age 4)
- ✓ 4. Behaves in a sex-typed manner. SEXTYP  
 17. Behaves in a sex-typed manner.
- ✓ 5. Can acknowledge unpleasant experience and admit negative feelings. ADMIT  
 81. Can acknowledge unpleasant experiences and admit negative feelings.
6. Tends to imitate and take over the characteristic behaviors of those (s)he  
 ✓ admires. IMITAT  
 87. Tends to imitate and take over the characteristic behaviors of those  
 (s)he admires.
7. Becomes anxious when the environment is unpredictable or poorly structured. ANXUNS  
 ✓ 60. Becomes anxious when the environment is unpredictable or poorly structured.
8. Seeks physical contact with others. CONTAC  
 7. Seeks physical contact with others.
- ✓ 9. Is open and straightforward. OPEN  
 19. Is open and straightforward.
- ✓ 10. Is protective of others. PROTEC  
 29. Is protective of others.
- ✓ 11. Likes to compete, test self against others. CMPETE  
 37. Likes to compete, test self against others.
- ✓ 12. Tends to become rigidly repetitive or immobilized under stress. RIGREP  
 39. Tends to become rigidly repetitive or immobilized under stress.
- ✓ 13. Is curious and exploring, eager for new experiences. CURIUS  
 40. Is curious and exploring, eager for new experiences.

- ✓ 14. Tends to withdraw or disengage self under stress. WITHDR  
45. Tends to withdraw or disengage self under stress.
15. Shows specific mannerisms or behavioral rituals. MANNER  
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16. Teases other children (including siblings). TEASES  
80. Teases other children (including siblings).
- ✓ 17. Likes to be alone, enjoys solitary activities. ALONE  
86. Likes to be alone, enjoys solitary activities.
- ✓ 18. Emotional reactions are inappropriate. INAPPR  
91. Emotional reactions are inappropriate.
- ✓ 19. Is calm and relaxed, easy-going. CALM  
64. Is calm and relaxed, easy-going.