

Intolerance of Uncertainty Scale

Your Full Name: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Clinician's name: _____

Instructions: Below, you'll find several statements about dealing with life's inherent uncertainty. Please use the scale below to describe to what extent each item is characteristic of you. Please tick the number (1 to 5) that describes you best.

	Not at all characteristic of me		Somewhat characteristic of me		Entirely characteristic of me
1. Uncertainty stops me from having a firm opinion.	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐
2. Being uncertain means that a person is disorganized.	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐
3. Uncertainty makes life intolerable.	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐
4. It's unfair not having any guarantees in life.	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐
5. My mind can't be relaxed if I don't know what will happen tomorrow.	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐
6. Uncertainty makes me uneasy, anxious, or stressed.	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐
7. Unforeseen events upset me greatly.	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐
8. It frustrates me not having all the information I need.	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐
9. Uncertainty keeps me from living a full life.	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐
10. One should always look ahead so as to avoid surprises.	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐
11. A small unforeseen event can spoil everything, even with the best of planning.	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐
12. When it's time to act, uncertainty paralyzes me.	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐
13. Being uncertain means that I am not first rate.	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐
14. When I am uncertain, I can't go forward.	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐
15. When I am uncertain I can't function very well.	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐
16. Unlike me, others always seem to know where they are going with their lives.	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐
17. Uncertainty makes me vulnerable, unhappy, or sad.	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐

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| 18. I always want to know what the future has in store for me. | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ | 3 ☐ | 4 ☐ | 5 ☐ |
| 19. I can't stand being taken by surprise. | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ | 3 ☐ | 4 ☐ | 5 ☐ |
| 20. The smallest doubt can stop me from acting. | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ | 3 ☐ | 4 ☐ | 5 ☐ |
| 21. I should be able to organize everything in advance. | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ | 3 ☐ | 4 ☐ | 5 ☐ |
| 22. Being uncertain means that I lack confidence. | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ | 3 ☐ | 4 ☐ | 5 ☐ |
| 23. I think it's unfair that other people seem sure about their future. | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ | 3 ☐ | 4 ☐ | 5 ☐ |
| 24. Uncertainty keeps me from sleeping soundly. | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ | 3 ☐ | 4 ☐ | 5 ☐ |
| 25. I must get away from all uncertain situations. | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ | 3 ☐ | 4 ☐ | 5 ☐ |
| 26. The ambiguities in life stress me. | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ | 3 ☐ | 4 ☐ | 5 ☐ |
| 27. I can't stand being undecided about my future. | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ | 3 ☐ | 4 ☐ | 5 ☐ |

Scoring:

There are twenty-seven items in total. Now, the scoring for this scale is based on two factors:

- Factor 1: Uncertainty has negative behavioral and self-referent implications
- Factor 2: Uncertainty is unfair and spoils everything

Factor 1 covers the following items: 1, 2, 3, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 22, 23, 24, and 25.

Factor 2 covers the following items: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 18, 19, 21, 26, and 27.

Just add up the scores for both factors and indicate the total for both below:

- Factor 1 total score: _____
- Factor 2 total score: _____