

# Mindful Attention Awareness Scale (MAAS)

## Rate your level of mindfulness

This is a psychological test that was developed by Ruth Baer (University of Kentucky) and is in the public domain. It has been used in many recent mindfulness research studies. Take the test to see how mindful you are.

**Instructions:** Below is a collection of statements about your everyday experience. Using the 1-6 scale below, please indicate how frequently or infrequently you currently have each experience. Please answer according to what *really reflects* your experience rather than what you think your experience should be. Please treat each item separately from every other item.

**1** = almost always; **2** = very frequently; **3** = somewhat frequently; **4** = somewhat infrequently; **5** = very infrequently; **6** = almost never.

1. I could be experiencing some emotion and not be conscious of it until some time later.
2. I break or spill things because of carelessness, not paying attention, or thinking of something else.
3. I find it difficult to stay focused on what's happening in the present.
4. I tend to walk quickly to get where I'm going without paying attention to what I experience along the way.
5. I tend not to notice feelings of physical tension or discomfort until they really grab my attention.
6. I forget a person's name almost as soon as I've been told it for the first time.

7. It seems I am "running on automatic" without much awareness of what I'm doing.
8. I rush through activities without being really attentive to them.
9. I get so focused on the goal I want to achieve that I lose touch with what I am doing right now to get there.
10. I do jobs or tasks automatically, without being aware of what I'm doing.
11. I find myself listening to someone with one ear, doing something else at the same time.
12. I drive places on "automatic pilot" and then wonder why I went there.
13. I find myself preoccupied with the future or the past.
14. I find myself doing things without paying attention.
15. I snack without being aware that I'm eating.

**Scoring:** Note your answers and add them up, then divide your total by 15. This will give you your average score for the fifteen statements. **The higher the score, the higher your mindfulness.** Typically the average score is around 3.86. The highest score is 6 and the lowest score is 1.