

Freiburg Mindfulness Inventory

Description:

The FMI is a useful, valid and reliable questionnaire for measuring mindfulness. It is most suitable in generalized contexts, where knowledge of the Buddhist background of mindfulness cannot be expected. The 14 items cover all aspects of mindfulness.

The purpose of this inventory is to characterize your experience of mindfulness. Please use the last ___ days as the time-frame to consider each item. Provide an answer for every statement as best you can. Please answer as honestly and spontaneously as possible. There are neither 'right' nor 'wrong' answers, nor 'good' or 'bad' responses. What is important to us is your own personal experience.

	1	2	3	4
	Rarely	Occasionally	Fairly often	Almost always
I am open to the experience of the present moment.	1	2	3	4
I sense my body, whether eating, cooking, cleaning or talking.	1	2	3	4
When I notice an absence of mind, I gently return to the experience of the here and now.	1	2	3	4
I am able to appreciate myself.	1	2	3	4
I pay attention to what's behind my actions.	1	2	3	4
I see my mistakes and difficulties without judging them.	1	2	3	4
I feel connected to my experience in the here-and-now.	1	2	3	4
I accept unpleasant experiences.	1	2	3	4
I am friendly to myself when things go wrong.	1	2	3	4
I watch my feelings without getting lost in them.	1	2	3	4
In difficult situations, I can pause without immediately reacting.	1	2	3	4
I experience moments of inner peace and ease, even	1	2	3	4

when things get hectic and stressful.

I am impatient with myself and with others. 1 2 3 4

I am able to smile when I notice how I sometimes make 1 2 3 4
life difficult.

Scoring Information:

Add up all items to get one summary score. When scoring, please observe that there are a couple of reversed items. For these you need to reverse the scoring, preferably by a recode command that recodes 1 into 4, 2 into 3, 3 into 2 and 4 into 1.

The item to be recoded is “I am impatient with myself and with others.”

At the moment, we do not recommend to use separate factor-scale scores. If you wish to do so, we recommend that you analyze your own data set and extract 4 to 6 factors according to the data structure you find and then proceed accordingly, adding up item scores per scale.

Reference:

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