

Carey Temperament Scales: Item samples

THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES OF TEMPERAMENT-RELATED BEHAVIOR APPEAR ON THE CTS QUESTIONNAIRES NOTED, FOLLOWED BY THE ASSIGNED TEMPERAMENT CATEGORY.

Item samples from RITQ for 4-11 month old infants.

- 2. The infant is fussy on waking up and going to sleep (frowns, cries). MOOD
- 17. The infant moves about much (kicks, grabs, squirms) during diapering and dressing. ACTIVITY
- 21. The infant stops play and watches when someone walks by. DISTRACTIBILITY
- 36. For the first few minutes in a new place or situation (new store or home) the infant is fretful. APPROACH
- 41. The infant keeps trying to get a desired toy, which is out of reach, for two minutes or more. PERSISTENCE

Item samples from the BSQ for 3-7 year old children

- 50. The child holds back until sure of himself. APPROACH
- 56. The child will avoid misbehavior if punished firmly once or twice. ADAPTABILITY
- 84. The child spontaneously wakes up at the usual time on weekends and holidays. RHYTHMICITY
- 88. The child becomes upset or cries over minor falls or bumps. THRESHOLD
- 95. The child speaks so quickly that it is sometimes difficult to understand him/her. ACTIVITY

CTS Questionnaire Characteristics

RATINGS OF THE FREQUENCY OF EACH BEHAVIOR ARE TABULATED AND AVERAGED ACROSS THE ITEMS IN EACH CATEGORY

EACH CATEGORY HAS 7-12 OF THESE ITEMS FOR EACH OF THE NINE NYLS CATEGORIES.

SOME ITEMS ARE REVERSED (SCORED IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION).

ITEMS ARE RANDOMLY PLACED TO AVOID RESPONSE SET.

THE QUESTIONNAIRES ARE NORMED AND EACH INFANT OR CHILD ASSESSED CAN BE COMPARED TO OTHERS OF THE SAME AGE.

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