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- Mother, Data Collection Instrument

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## DIMENSIONS OF TEMPERAMENT SURVEY- REVISED

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### DIMENSIONS OF TEMPERAMENT SURVEY-REVISED

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QUESTION TEXT

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HOW TO ANSWER: On the following pages are some sentences. They are about how people like you may behave. Some of the sentences may be true of how you behave and others may not be true for you. For each sentence we would like you to say if the sentence is usually true for you, is more true than false for you, is more false than true for you, or is usually false for you. There is no “right” or “wrong” answer because all people behave in different ways. All you have to do is answer what is true for YOU.

**1 = Usually false**                      **3 = More true than false**  
**2 = More false than true**              **4 = Usually true**

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| DT1  | 1. It takes me a long time to get used to a new thing in the home.                            |
| DT2  | 2. I can't stay still for long.   |
| DT3  | 3. I laugh and smile at a lot of things.  |
| DT4  | 4. I wake up at different times.  |
| DT5  | 5. Once I am involved in a task, nothing can distract me from it.                             |
| DT6  | 6. I persist at a task until it's finished.   |
| DT7  | 7. I move around a lot.   |
| DT8  | 8. I can make myself at home anywhere.  |
| DT9  | 9. I can always be distracted by something else, no matter what I may be doing.               |
| DT10 | 10. I stay with an activity for a long time.  |
| DT11 | 11. If I have to stay in one place for a long time, I get very restless                       |
| DT12 | 12. I usually move towards new objects shown to me.   |
| DT13 | 13. It takes me a long time to adjust to new schedules.                                       |
| DT14 | 14. I do not laugh or smile at many things.   |
| DT15 | 15. If I am doing one thing, something else occurring won't get me to stop.                   |
| DT16 | 16. I eat about the same amount for dinner whether I am home, visiting someone, or traveling. |
| DT17 | 17. My first reaction is to reject something new or unfamiliar to me.                         |
| DT18 | 18. Changes in plans make me restless.  |
| DT19 | 19. I often stay still for long periods of time.  |
| DT20 | 20. Things going on around me can NOT take me away from what I am doing.                      |
| DT21 | 21. I take a nap, rest, or break at the same times every day.                                 |
| DT22 | 22. Once I take something up, I stay with it.   |
| DT23 | 23. Even when I am supposed to be still, I get very fidgety after a few minutes.              |
| DT24 | 24. I am hard to distract.  |
| DT25 | 25. I usually get the same amount of sleep each night.  |
| DT26 | 26. On meeting a new person I tend to move towards him or her.                                |
| DT27 | 27. I get hungry about the same time each day.  |
| DT28 | 28. I smile often.  |
| DT29 | 29. I never seem to stop moving.  |
| DT30 | 30. It takes me no time at all to get used to new people.                                     |
| DT31 | 31. I usually eat the same amount each day.   |

DT32	32. I move a great deal in my sleep.
DT33	33. I seem to get sleepy just about the same time every night.
DT34	34. I do not find that I laugh often.
DT35	35. I move towards new situations.
DT36	36. When I am away from home I still wake up at the same time each morning.
DT37	37. I eat about the same amount at breakfast from day to day.
DT38	38. I move a lot in bed.
DT39	39. I feel full of pep and energy at the same time each day
DT40	40. I have bowel movements at about the same time each day.
DT41	41. No matter when I go to sleep, I wake up at the same time the next morning.
DT42	42. In the morning, I am still in the same place as I was when I fell asleep.
DT43	43. I eat about the same amount at supper from day to day.
DT44	44. When things are out of place, it takes me a long time to get used to it.
DT45	45. I wake up at the same time on weekends and holidays as on other days of the week.
DT46	46. I don't move around much at all in my sleep.
DT47	47. My appetite seems to stay the same day after day.
DT48	48. My mood is generally cheerful.
DT49	49. I resist changes in routine.
DT50	50. I laugh several times a day.
DT51	51. My first response to anything new is to move my head toward it.
DT52	52. Generally I am happy.
DT53	53. The number of times I have a bowel movement on any day varies from day to day.
DT54	54. I never seem to be in the same place for long.

**Subscales**

**-Higher scores indicate.....**

AG	1. Activity Level-General	.....higher general activity levels.
AP	2. Activity Level-Sleep	.....higher sleep activity levels.
AW	3. Approach/Withdrawal	.....more approach.
FR	4. Flexibility/Rigidity	.....a more flexible behavioral style.
MD	5. Mood	.....a more positive quality of mood.
RS	6. Rhythmicity-Sleep	.....more regularity of sleeping behavior.
RE	7. Rhythmicity-Eating	.....more regularity or eating behavior.
RD	8. Rhythmicity-Daily Habits	.....more regularity of daily habits.
TR	* 9. Task Orientation	.....higher persistence and lower distractibility.
DT	*10. Distractibility	.....lower distractibility.
PS	*11. Persistence	.....higher persistence.
	<b>* Task Orientation is measured for the Child and the Child (Self) versions only.</b>	
	<b>* Distractibility and Persistence are measured for the Adult version.</b>	