

EARLY ADOLESCENT TEMPERAMENT QUESTIONNAIRE—REVISED PARENT REPORT

Reference

Ellis, L. K., & Rothbart, M. K. (2001, April). *Revision of the Early Adolescent Temperament Questionnaire*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Minneapolis, MN.

Secondary Reference

Capaldi, D. M., & Rothbart, M. K. (1992). Development and validation of an early adolescent temperament measure. *Journal of Early Adolescence*, 12(2), 153-173.

Companion Document

EATQ-R Parent Report Scoring Key

Description

The 62-item *Early Adolescent Temperament Questionnaire—Revised (EATQ-R) Parent Report* (Ellis & Rothbart, 2001) parallels much of the adolescent version of the measure. The parent questionnaire assesses eight aspects of temperament related to self-regulation in adolescents, including activation control, affiliation, attention, fear, frustration, high-intensity pleasure, inhibitory control, and shyness. Scales measuring aggression and depressive mood are included to facilitate examination of relationships between temperament and traits relevant to socialization. The parent measure was developed with a sample of 62 parents of adolescents ages 10-16. Items are rated on a 5-point scale ranging from 1 = *almost always untrue* to 5 = *almost always true*.

Ellis & Rothbart (2001) reported internal consistency estimates (Cronbach's coefficient alpha) ranging from .65 to .86 for the eight temperament scales, .71 for the aggression scale, and .76 for the depressive mood scale on the parent form.

Administration: Grade 4

The *EATQ-R Parent Report* was administered to mothers ($n = 80$) during a site-specific home visit at Grade 4 (late Grade 4 for Wave I children, early Grade 4 for Wave II children) for Kathleen Cranley Gallagher's dissertation research.

Scoring: See *EATQ-R Parent Report Scoring Key*

Activation Control

Mean of 7 items: -3, 5, -14, 17, 36, 38, -46. A higher score reflects greater capacity to perform an action when there is a strong tendency to avoid it.

MG4ATAC

$N = 80$, $M = 3.18$, $SD = 0.76$, range = 1.14-4.71, $\alpha = .83$

Affiliation

Mean of 6 items: 12, 13, 18, 24, 43, 51. A higher score reflects greater desire for warmth and closeness with others, independent of shyness or extraversion.

MG4ATAF

$N = 80, M = 4.12, SD = 0.53, \text{range} = 2.67\text{-}5, \alpha = .67$

Attention

Mean of 6 items: 15, -22, -35, 39, -49, 60. A higher score reflects greater capacity to focus attention as well as to shift attention when desired.

MG4ATAT

$N = 80, M = 3.32, SD = 0.73, \text{range} = 1.50\text{-}5, \alpha = .83$

Fear

Mean of 6 items: 1, 30, 48, 53, 55, 61. A higher score reflects more unpleasant affect related to anticipation of distress.

MG4ATFE

$N = 80, M = 2.56, SD = 0.63, \text{range} = 1.00\text{-}4.67, \alpha = .56$

Frustration

Mean of 6 items: 20, 21, 31, 45, 57, 58. A higher score reflects more negative affect related to interruption of ongoing tasks or goal blocking.

MG4ATFR

$N = 80, M = 3.02, SD = 0.70, \text{range} = 1.17\text{-}4.67, \alpha = .83$

High-Intensity Pleasure/Surgency

Mean of 9 items: 4, -9, 16, 28, 29, 34, 37, 40, -56. A higher score reflects greater pleasure derived from activities involving high intensity or novelty.

MG4ATHP

$N = 80, M = 3.35, SD = 0.65, \text{range} = 1.89\text{-}4.89, \alpha = .73$

Inhibitory Control

Mean of 5 items: -6, -8, -23, 47, 59. A higher score reflects greater capacity to plan, and to suppress inappropriate responses.

MG4ATIC

$N = 80, M = 3.72, SD = 0.61, \text{range} = 2.20\text{-}5, \alpha = .69$

Shyness

Mean of 5 items: -27, 44, -50, -54, 62. A higher score reflects greater behavioral inhibition to novelty and challenge, especially social.

MG4ATSH

$N = 80, M = 2.58, SD = 0.86, \text{range} = 1.00\text{-}5, \alpha = .86$

Aggression

Mean of 7 items: 2, 11, 19, 25, 32, 41, -42. A higher score reflects more hostile and aggressive actions, including person- and object-directed physical violence, direct and indirect verbal aggression, and hostile reactivity.

MG4ATAG

$N = 80, M = 2.44, SD = 0.69, \text{range} = 1.14\text{-}4.17, \alpha = .79$

Depressive Mood

Mean of 5 items: 7, 10, 26, -33, 52. A higher score reflects more unpleasant affect and lowered mood, loss of enjoyment and interest in activities.

MG4ATDM

$N = 80$, $M = 2.15$, $SD = 0.65$, range = 1.20-4.20, $\alpha = .74$

Analysis Data Set

SSG4

Raw Data Set

PEATQR