

# The Epworth Sleepiness Scale

The Epworth Sleepiness Scale is widely used in the field of sleep medicine as a subjective measure of a patient's sleepiness. The test is a list of eight situations in which you rate your tendency to become sleepy on a scale of 0, no chance of dozing, to 3, high chance of dozing. When you finish the test, add up the values of your responses. Your total score is based on a scale of 0 to 24. The scale estimates whether you are experiencing excessive sleepiness that possibly requires medical attention.

## How Sleepy Are You?

How likely are you to doze off or fall asleep in the following situations? You should rate your chances of dozing off, not just feeling tired. Even if you have not done some of these things recently try to determine how they would have affected you. For each situation, decide whether or not you would have:

- No chance of dozing =0
- Slight chance of dozing =1
- Moderate chance of dozing =2
- High chance of dozing =3

Write down the number corresponding to your choice in the right hand column. Total your score below.

Situation	Chance of Dozing
Sitting and reading	•
Watching TV	•
Sitting inactive in a public place (e.g., a theater or a meeting)	•
As a passenger in a car for an hour without a break	•
Lying down to rest in the afternoon when circumstances permit	•
Sitting and talking to someone	•
Sitting quietly after a lunch without alcohol	•
In a car, while stopped for a few minutes in traffic	•

Total Score = \_\_\_\_\_

## Analyze Your Score

### Interpretation:

- 0-7:** It is unlikely that you are abnormally sleepy.
- 8-9:** You have an average amount of daytime sleepiness.
- 10-15:** You may be excessively sleepy depending on the situation. You may want to consider seeking medical attention.
- 16-24:** You are excessively sleepy and should consider seeking medical attention.

Reference: Johns MW. A new method for measuring daytime sleepiness: The Epworth Sleepiness Scale. *Sleep* 1991; 14(6):540-5.

## BERLIN QUESTIONNAIRE

Height (m) \_\_\_\_\_ Weight (kg) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Male / Female

Please choose the correct response to each question.

### CATEGORY 1

1. Do you snore?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Don't know

*If you snore:*

2. Your snoring is:

- a. Slightly louder than breathing
- b. As loud as talking
- c. Louder than talking
- d. Very loud – can be heard in adjacent rooms

3. How often do you snore

- a. Nearly every day
- b. 3-4 times a week
- c. 1-2 times a week
- d. 1-2 times a month
- e. Never or nearly never

4. Has your snoring ever bothered other people?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Don't Know

5. Has anyone noticed that you quit breathing during your sleep?

- a. Nearly every day
- b. 3-4 times a week
- c. 1-2 times a week
- d. 1-2 times a month
- e. Never or nearly never

### CATEGORY 2

6. How often do you feel tired or fatigued after your sleep?

- a. Nearly every day
- b. 3-4 times a week
- c. 1-2 times a week
- d. 1-2 times a month
- e. Never or nearly never

7. During your waking time, do you feel tired, fatigued or not up to par?

- a. Nearly every day
- b. 3-4 times a week
- c. 1-2 times a week
- d. 1-2 times a month
- e. Never or nearly never

8. Have you ever nodded off or fallen asleep while driving a vehicle?

- a. Yes
- b. No

*If yes:*

9. How often does this occur?

- a. Nearly every day
- b. 3-4 times a week
- c. 1-2 times a week
- d. 1-2 times a month
- e. Never or nearly never

### CATEGORY 3

10. Do you have high blood pressure?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know