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EQ-i 2.0 Model of Emotional Intelligence

SELF-PERCEPTION

Self-Regard is respecting oneself while understanding and accepting one's strengths and weaknesses. Self-Regard is often associated with feelings of inner strength and self-confidence.

Self-Actualization is the willingness to persistently try to improve oneself and engage in the pursuit of personally relevant and meaningful objectives that lead to a rich and enjoyable life.

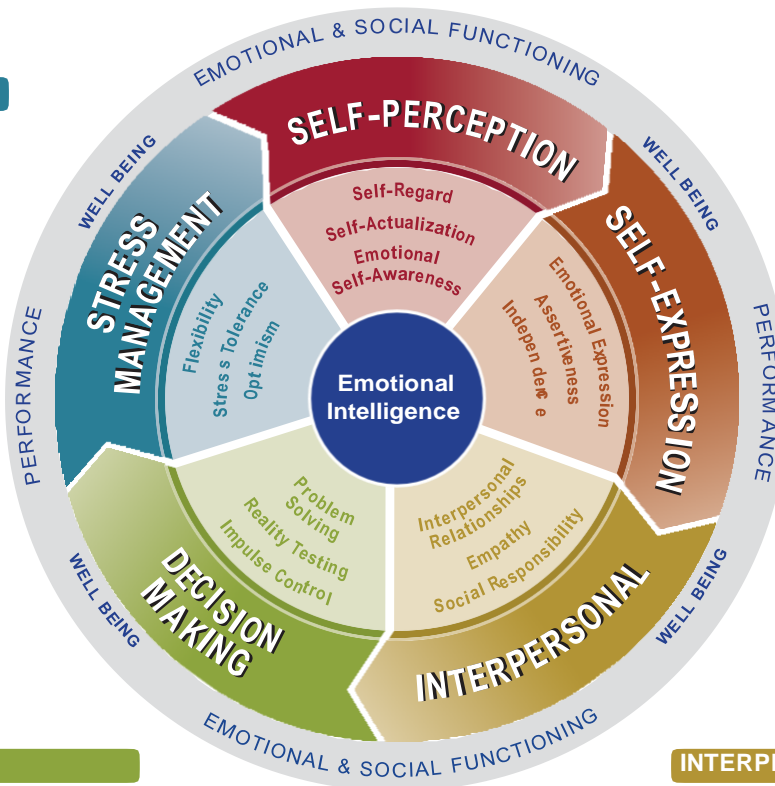
Emotional Self-Awareness includes recognizing and understanding one's own emotions. This includes the ability to differentiate between subtleties in one's own emotions while understanding the cause of these emotions and the impact they have on one's own thoughts and actions and those of others.

STRESS MANAGEMENT

Flexibility is adapting emotions, thoughts and behaviors to unfamiliar, unpredictable, and dynamic circumstances or ideas.

Stress Tolerance involves coping with stressful or difficult situations and believing that one can manage or influence situations in a positive manner.

Optimism is an indicator of one's positive attitude and outlook on life. It involves remaining hopeful and resilient, despite occasional setbacks.



SELF-EXPRESSION

Emotional Expression is openly expressing one's feelings verbally and non-verbally.

Assertiveness involves communicating feelings, beliefs and thoughts openly, and defending personal rights and values in a socially acceptable, non-offensive, and non-destructive manner.

Independence is the ability to be self directed and free from emotional dependency on others. Decision-making, planning, and daily tasks are completed autonomously.

DECISION MAKING

Problem Solving is the ability to find solutions to problems in situations where emotions are involved. Problem solving includes the ability to understand how emotions impact decision making.

Reality Testing is the capacity to remain objective by seeing things as they really are. This capacity involves recognizing when emotions or personal bias can cause one to be less objective.

Impulse Control is the ability to resist or delay an impulse, drive or temptation to act and involves avoiding rash behaviors and decision making.

INTERPERSONAL

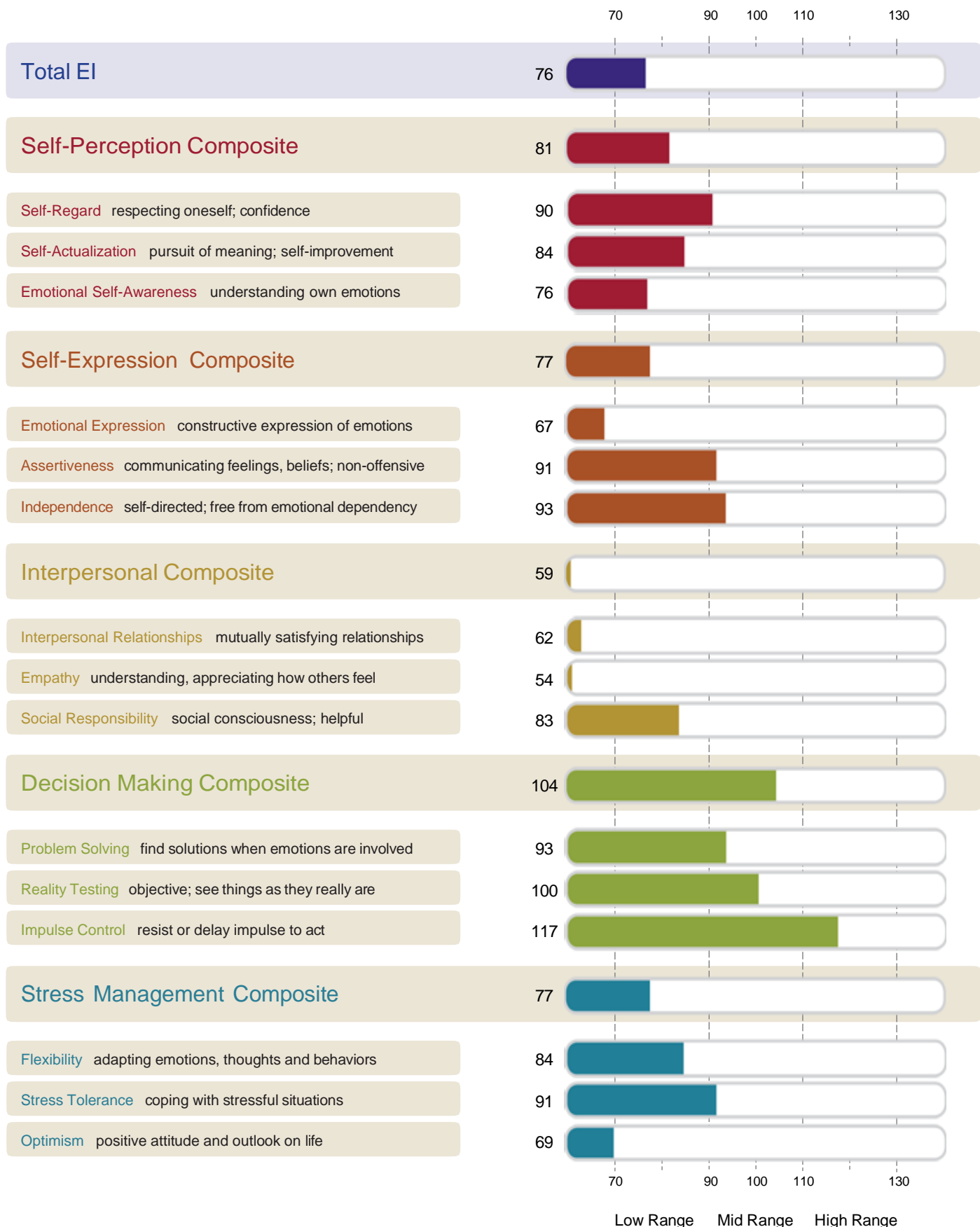
Interpersonal Relationships refers to the skill of developing and maintaining mutually satisfying relationships that are characterized by trust and compassion.

Empathy is recognizing, understanding, and appreciating how other people feel. Empathy involves being able to articulate your understanding of another's perspective and behaving in a way that respects others' feelings.

Social Responsibility is willingly contributing to society, to one's social groups, and generally to the welfare of others. Social Responsibility involves acting responsibly, having social consciousness, and showing concern for the greater community.

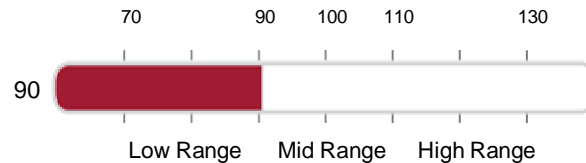


Overview of Your Results



Self-Regard

Self-Regard respecting oneself; confidence



What Your Score Means

Individuals with self-regard respect themselves and accept both personal strengths and limitations while remaining satisfied and self-secure. Jack, your result suggests that you do have a good sense of your own strengths and weaknesses without being overly confident. At times you may experience lower self-confidence; however, you approach most challenges with self-assuredness and a can-do attitude. You may have:

- a reasonable level of respect for yourself, your talents, and your weaknesses.
- a willingness to openly admit mistakes or unfamiliarity with a situation.
- a well-developed sense of identity—you know what you are good at.

Impact at Work

Emotional Implications. The emotional implications of self-regard extend further than many people realize. The implications from your result suggest that you are driven to achieve your fullest potential, you show a more positive outlook on your capabilities, and you are likely more confident in expressing yourself than those individuals with lower self-regard.

Social and Behavioral Implications. Your self-respect and understanding of your strengths and weaknesses is often perceived by others as confidence in your approach to work. Your feelings of inner strength and self-confidence are evident in the way you conduct yourself and interact with others. You are likely to maintain eye contact, make use of body language that is engaging, and use a tone of voice that is welcoming but deliberate and decisive where appropriate. Like a majority of other people, you still have moments where your self-regard waivers, and care should be taken that you continue to leverage opportunities to showcase your talents and overcome weaknesses.

Strategies for Action

Self-Regard Profile. Seeking others' feedback on your strengths and weaknesses demonstrates a willingness to learn and gives you insight to reveal hidden talents.

- Identify those at work (colleague, manager) who know you well enough to comment on your strengths and weaknesses.
- Ask them to list your strengths and weaknesses with specific observations or examples.
- Without looking at their list, write what you believe your strengths and weaknesses are. Then compare lists. Look for disconnects and similarities between lists. Identify opportunities to repeat the positive examples provided in your feedback.

Healthy Self-Doubt. To strengthen Self-Regard it is important to recognize the difference between healthy and unhealthy self-doubt.

- Healthy self-doubt results from knowing and accepting an area of weakness. For example, you are nervous giving presentations and you know this needs improvement.
- Unhealthy self-doubt results from negative self-talk; there is no evidence that you will do poorly, yet you are convinced you will fail.
- Unhealthy self-doubt prevents you from having stronger Self-Regard. Reflect on what triggers negative self-talk (e.g., stress, feelings of intimidation) and prove it wrong through your actions.

Balancing Your EI

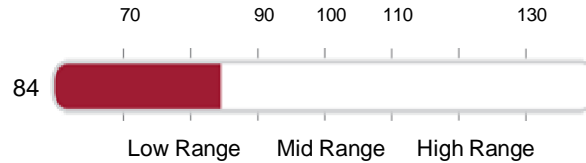
This section compares Self-Regard with Self-Actualization, Problem Solving, and Reality Testing. The subscale that differs the most from Self-Regard is Reality Testing. Improving the interplay between these subscales is likely to significantly impact your overall emotional intelligence.

Self-Regard(90)  **Reality Testing(100)**

Your Self-Regard is lower than your Reality Testing. In balancing these two areas, remember that although input from external sources is important, self-regard is about your own subjective evaluation of self-worth, and should not be overly influenced by external sources. Seek objective information about your performance, but give primary importance to your personal goals and your own sense of personal success.

Self-Actualization

Self-Actualization pursuit of meaning; self-improvement



What Your Score Means

Self-actualization can be summed up in three words: pursuit of meaning. While this sounds quite philosophical, in the business world it means finding purpose and enjoyment in your job and performing to your fullest potential. Jack, your result indicates that you may not find your work fulfilling, nor do you make good use of your strengths. While you likely meet your performance objectives, your score could mean that you go through the motions of your job without the extra effort to enrich your skills and experience. Your result may mean that:

- you have untapped strengths that you wish you had the opportunity to use.
- the goals you set may be attainable but are unlikely to be real stretch goals for you.
- you focus more on day-to-day tasks and less on strategic, big-picture plans.

Impact at Work

Emotional Implications. If you do not find satisfaction in your work then you likely have to “fake” your enjoyment everyday. This emotional labor (feeling one emotion on the inside but displaying a different emotion) is one of the leading causes of job stress and emotional exhaustion. You owe it to yourself to identify activities of real interest—ones that make you a better person—and integrate them into work and your personal life.

Social and Behavioral Implications. People who score low on Self-Actualization fail to leverage their personal strengths and often appear to be disengaged and acting without a plan. While you may accomplish your performance objectives, you rarely set your sights higher than the minimum required for successful performance. This contributes to you being seen as lacking drive or vision to achieve something greater than the current state, and may result in reduced responsibilities or leadership opportunities.

Strategies for Action

Discover Your Passion. Identifying interests and causes that you are truly passionate about will provide the direction and purpose in your life that you may be missing.

- What do you love doing in your job? With family/friends? In the community? On your own? If you are unsure of the answers, meeting with a career/life counselor or taking a career inventory may provide insight.
- Examine your schedule over the last few weeks to determine how much time you spent doing things you enjoy.
- Make one or two changes that will enable you to spend more time on what you enjoy. You will need to be creative; start small, changing your schedule in 15-minute increments to slowly integrate enriching activities.

Seek New Responsibilities. Self-Actualized people put their strengths to good use, personally and professionally.

- When was the last time you said “*I am good at doing that, I should do more of it*”? Take just one strength and seek out an opportunity to leverage it. This new responsibility could be formal (e.g., a leadership role on a project), or informal (e.g., organizing a fundraiser).
- Look at your schedule objectively; remember, self-actualized people have the same number of hours in a day as you do!

Balancing Your EI

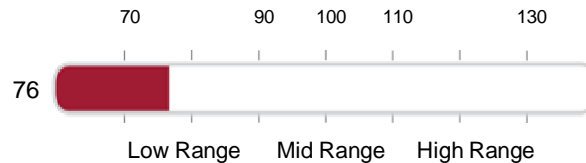
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Self-Actualization(84)  **Reality Testing(100)**

Your Self-Actualization is lower than your Reality Testing. These components can be balanced by setting realistic plans to accomplish meaningful experiences that are internally satisfying and not just objectively required. The challenge is to set goals that are attainable and realistic, but also intrinsically valuable.

Emotional Self-Awareness

Emotional Self-Awareness understanding own emotions



What Your Score Means

If you have a solid understanding of what causes your emotions, it is much easier to regulate your behavior and control the impact your emotions have on those you work with. Jack, your result indicates that fully understanding your emotions and their causes may be an area of challenge for you. It is likely that you:

- are comfortable experiencing some emotions, but others make you uneasy.
- superficially experience emotions, allowing them to just happen without thoughtful evaluation.
- keep emotions separate from work, or fail to use them to enhance your effectiveness.
- may fail to notice the impact your emotions have on others.

Impact at Work

Emotional Implications. Your experience of emotions may be very black and white: either you are angry, or you are not. As a result, you may not recognize the complexity of your emotions or their triggers, so to others your emotions may seem heightened or exaggerated. You may either miss emotions and their triggers entirely or are marginally aware of their existence, making it hard to accurately predict your emotional reactions.

Social and Behavioral Implications. In social situations, your lower Emotional Self-Awareness may be noticeable in the way you express your emotions because you may not fully understand the emotion or its impact before you express it. Under times of stress your mood may impact your performance and that of your teammates. Also, because emotional triggers and responses often elude you, you may find yourself in uncomfortable professional encounters, where you have understood the tangible facts of the situation but perhaps overlooked somebody's emotional state.

Strategies for Action

Emotion Diagnosis—What You Don't Recognize, You Can't Manage! Paying attention to how you are feeling may need to start out as a manual process of diagnosing how an emotion feels.

- Record the strongest emotions you experience. Note the thoughts and physical sensations that accompany them.
- Then, recognizing that every heightened emotion has "lighter levels", pay close attention to small shifts in this emotion the next time it arises. When it intensifies or weakens, write down your description of this new level of emotion and its triggers. What caused the change and what does this tell you?

Emotional Email. Reading your emails is an easy and non-obvious place to practice your Emotional Self-Awareness. Emails usually elicit some type of emotion like frustration, surprise or happiness.

- Over the next few days, record in two words what you feel (e.g., "discouraged and tired") after you read a noteworthy email. Next to each emotion, write one physical feeling or a change in your body that you experienced with the emotion (e.g., "slack posture, big sighs").
- Notice what sensations accompany certain emotions. Research the emotions you experienced most often to find out if there are other sensations you should be aware of.

Balancing Your EI

This section compares Emotional Self-Awareness with Reality Testing, Emotional Expression, and Stress Tolerance. The subscale that differs the most from Emotional Self-Awareness is Reality Testing. Improving the interplay between these subscales is likely to significantly impact your overall emotional intelligence.

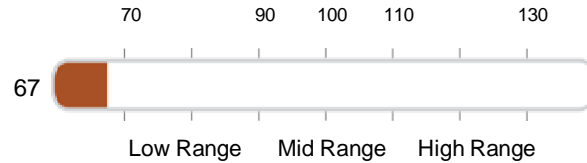
Emotional Self-Awareness(76)

← **Reality Testing(100)**

Your Emotional Self-Awareness is lower than your Reality Testing. Do you have a tendency to concentrate more on the feelings of those around you and the situation at hand than on your own feelings? Maintaining a balance between these two areas will allow you to consider your own feelings in concert with the feelings of others and within a given set of circumstances.

Emotional Expression

Emotional Expression constructive expression of emotions



What Your Score Means

Individuals who effectively express emotions use words and physical expressions to convey their feelings in a way that is not hurtful to others. Jack, your result indicates you have difficulty bringing emotions to the surface and sharing your true feelings with coworkers. You may appear emotionally detached from your colleagues, probably showing as little variation in your demeanor as possible. Consider the following characteristics of your result:

- certain emotions, if not most, are uncomfortable for you to express either through words, facial expressions, or body language.
- you use a limited emotional vocabulary to describe your feelings (e.g., happy and sad versus elated and somber).
- you assume people know how you feel so you don't display it through your words or actions.

Impact at Work

Emotional Implications. Think of Emotional Expression as the action part of the emotional experience. You tend to bottle emotions inside and not share them with others. This can create the illusion that you are either emotionless or that you do not grasp the significance of the situation.

Social and Behavioral Implications. Expressing one's feelings verbally and nonverbally is key to forming effective relationships. Your less expressive style may mean that in new environments you could struggle to engage others in a meaningful way. People can easily misperceive you as being withdrawn and as a result it may be hard for you to inspire others or gain the support you need. While you may feel comfortable remaining in a predictable, pokerfaced state, it is actually stressful for others when they need to share information with you. If you do not reflect your emotions, you may miss crucial information because others feel uncomfortable being open and honest with you.

Strategies for Action

Getting Rid of the Group Hug. At work, sharing your emotions shouldn't be a single organized event like the infamous group hug. Think about emotions as drivers of performance, like any other resource you draw upon to get your job done.

- Start small—try expressing what you feel in an email. Take time to find words that really describe how you feel. Praise a team member on his work, express your gratitude for someone's help, or voice your concern over deadlines.
- Once this becomes comfortable for you, start expressing yourself where appropriate in small conversations. Draw on the same emotional vocabulary you used in your emails.

Get it Out in Writing. If you find yourself dwelling on a particular feeling but not expressing it, begin to write an email to a friend. You will not send this email, so don't worry about who would receive it.

- Just start writing—this in itself can be a healing process. Describe the details of what happened, what *exactly* you are feeling and *why*.
- Although it is in written form, you have just completed the process of emotional expression. Take one small section of your email and appropriately talk it over with those involved. Take the email with you to refer to your notes and emotional language.

Balancing Your EI

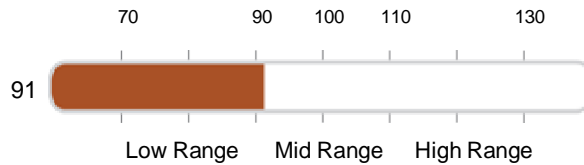
This section compares Emotional Expression with Interpersonal Relationships, Assertiveness, and Empathy. The subscale that differs the most from Emotional Expression is Assertiveness. Improving the interplay between these subscales is likely to significantly impact your overall emotional intelligence.

Emotional Expression(67)  **Assertiveness(91)**

Your Emotional Expression is lower than Assertiveness. People tend to be most cooperative when they are aware of your underlying motives and concerns. When these two facets are balanced, and Emotional Expression is used effectively, there is a better understanding of both the issues and feelings involved, and the resolutions tend to be more effective overall.

Assertiveness

Assertiveness communicating feelings, beliefs; non-offensive



What Your Score Means

Picture a line between the words *passive* and *aggressive*. At the middle point of this line lies assertiveness, a place where you work with others by finding the right words at the right time to express your feelings and thoughts. Jack, your results indicate that you are operating at the middle of this line, being able to clearly articulate your emotions and needs while respecting the relationships you have with others. Some of the following characteristics may apply to you:

- you are firm and direct when necessary.
- you are positioned to achieve your goals by articulating your needs.
- you bear in mind others' feelings and consider them when voicing your opinion or thoughts.
- you either back down or become slightly aggressive in times of mounting pressure.

Impact at Work

Emotional Implications. For the most part, you are able to stand your ground and ensure your voice is heard. The implication of doing this as well as most is that there will be times when you back down from your normally confident position. Something is being triggered at an emotional level that causes you to "cave in"; using your self-awareness to identify why this is the case will be beneficial.

Social and Behavioral Implications. Your level of assertiveness suggests that you have the knack for finding the right words at the right time to get your point across without dominating or manipulating your work environment. This includes communicating feelings, beliefs, and thoughts openly, allowing your team to see where you stand on a decision. Although there are still some instances where you could be more assertive (e.g., under pressure or scrutiny), you likely have many great ideas that for the most part are shared and contribute to the direction of your organization.

Strategies for Action

Identifying Cave Points. What is it about certain situations that cause you to be less assertive than you wish to be? Lack of subject Jacker expertise? The presence of a more senior person? Unsure of your convictions?

- Identify the reasons for why you cave when you do.
- Use this information to proactively eliminate your cave points. For example, the next time you have a meeting on an unfamiliar topic, gather research ahead of time so that you can confidently voice your thoughts on the subject.

Assertive Body Language. To continue to ensure your assertive behavior is socially acceptable, be extra conscious of your body language, tone of voice, and emotional language when delivering your message (particularly if you are low in Emotional Expression and Emotional Self-Awareness); they may skew the message you are trying to put forth, even if you intend to be assertive with the content you are discussing.

Balancing Your EI

This section compares Assertiveness with Interpersonal Relationships, Emotional Self-Awareness, and Empathy. The subscale that differs the most from Assertiveness is Empathy. Improving the interplay between these subscales is likely to significantly impact your overall emotional intelligence.

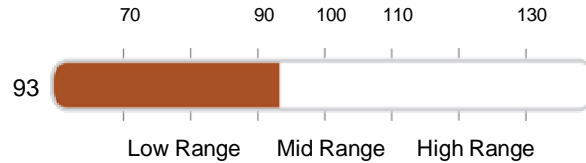
Assertiveness(91)

Empathy(54)

Your Assertiveness is higher than your Empathy. Where possible, focus on collaboration in meetings. You should strive to appropriately assert your views, but show an equal willingness to listen to others and be willing to agree when possible.

Independence

Independence self-directed; free from emotional dependency



What Your Score Means

Jack, being independent means that you are capable of feeling, thinking, and working on your own. Your results show that you are usually willing and capable of choosing your own course of action. You are comfortable being a leader and follower, which is desirable in most workplaces. There may be times when the risk and responsibility of being independent is too heavy and you allow others to step up and take charge of a situation. Consider the following interpretation of your results:

- you are comfortable making most decisions on your own.
- you sometimes welcome or request guidance or reassurance from others.
- you will consult others for advice, but usually make the ultimate decision.
- you accept responsibility for your decisions knowing that at times people will disagree with you.

Impact at Work

Emotional Implications. Think of independence as the stage for showcasing your other EI abilities. Because you are able to think and behave freely, you are likely to demonstrate to your colleagues your strengths in other areas of EI. What you believe are your strengths is consistent with what others observe in you.

Social and Behavioral Implications. Although you are willing and able to work with others and make decisions in collaboration with other people, you have the ability to remain self-directed and free from emotional dependency. You take initiative and feel confident doing so, yet you do not damage productive working relationships by excluding others when you make decisions. You may find there are some instances at work when you are more dependent on others than you wish to be. It is important to determine why your independence wavers in these situations and work toward strengthening this ability even further.

Strategies for Action

Building More Autonomy. Decades of research has shown that being autonomous at work is one of the leading contributors to job satisfaction. Because your tendency is to work independently, you may benefit from adding more autonomy to your role.

- If this is the case, talk with your manager about new decision-making boundaries for your role. Perhaps you can be given final signoff authority, or maybe you no longer need to send certain requests to your manager for approval.

Predict Reactions. To further develop your Independence, it is important to identify situations where you remain overly tied to what others think (particularly if your Interpersonal subscales are high, you may be inclined to follow the team to avoid conflict or bruised relationships).

- When you find yourself being more dependent than you wish to be, list possible reactions others may have to the decisions you make. List both negative reactions (e.g., my team might feel I am neglecting their opinions) and positive reactions (e.g., my team might be energized by a decision they hadn't even considered before). When you can predict possible reactions, you are better informed to make your decision free of dependence on others.

Balancing Your EI

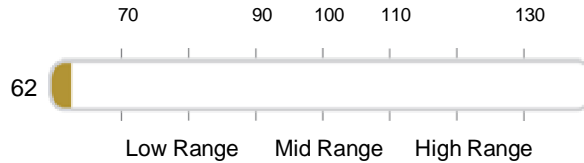
This section compares Independence with Problem Solving, Emotional Self-Awareness, and Interpersonal Relationships. The subscale that differs the most from Independence is Interpersonal Relationships. Improving the interplay between these subscales is likely to significantly impact your overall emotional intelligence.

Independence(93) ➡ **Interpersonal Relationships(62)**

Your Independence is higher than your Interpersonal Relationships result. Balancing these components means spending time and effort nurturing relationships, but not being overly reliant on them. Draw on the expertise of others when appropriate. Collaboration can help establish positive relationships.

Interpersonal Relationships

Interpersonal Relationships mutually satisfying relationships



What Your Score Means

Jack, this subscale is about developing and maintaining mutually satisfying relationships and your result suggests that this could be challenging for you. Your view of relationships may be transactional, where you see relationships in terms of how others can help you, instead of building bonds that include mutual give-and-take. Unless you work alone, close relationships are crucial to your success and you may be missing opportunities to share your team members' expertise and resources. Some characteristics of your result are:

- you may have many acquaintances but few cherished, supportive friends/colleagues.
- you likely understand how others can help you, but know few details about them personally.
- you may rely on your own devices to get the job done, rather than asking for help.

Impact at Work

Emotional Implications. If you do not frequently draw on interpersonal skills you will struggle to showcase your other EI capabilities. For example, any EI skills you have will not be evident to your colleagues if you do not regularly engage them in authentic interactions. Also, the deeper and more active your relationships are, the more you will recognize others' emotions and the more adept they will become at recognizing yours.

Social and Behavioral Implications. If you have difficulty developing relationships or are generally dissatisfied with the quality of the relationships you do have, you could be limiting your personal and professional potential. Most of the time you need to get work done through others and if you are not easy to approach, it is likely that others avoid sharing information with you or feel little commitment to fulfilling their part of your shared objective. You may be seen as too preoccupied with your work to engage in personal conversation, missing the chance to get to know others, and their expertise and talents.

Strategies for Action

Be Personal. Personal questions don't always have to be intrusive in nature, you can easily rephrase a work related question in a way that allows the other person to open up.

- Try switching from closed ended questions (e.g., "Is your part of the report complete?" or "Did you have a good weekend?") to open ended questions (e.g., "How have you been finding your part of the report?" or "What plans do you have for the weekend?")
- Brainstorm a list of questions that spark conversation and keep it handy so you can show your interest in the individual and not just in the work they do.

Learn Your Comfort Zone. Try identifying social situations where you are most comfortable and replicate your behavior when you are at ease to other less comfortable situations.

- Write down how you interact with others when you are in a comfortable environment. For example, are you more talkative with close friends? Can you joke with your family?
- Try applying some of these strategies to other, less-comfortable situations. For example, if you joke with your family try using lighthearted humor when you feel uncomfortable meeting new people.

Balancing Your EI

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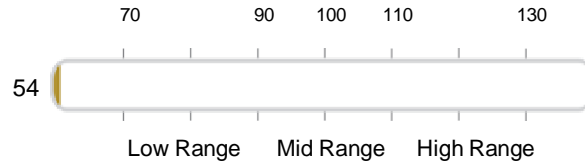
Interpersonal Relationships(62)

← Problem Solving(93)

Your Interpersonal Relationships result is lower than your Problem Solving result. These factors work together effectively when decisions are made and problems are solved while considering how the decisions will impact those around you. Take extra time when needed to communicate with others from the beginning so that they are engaged in the solution process.

Empathy

Empathy understanding, appreciating how others feel



What Your Score Means

Empathy, the ability to recognize, understand, and appreciate the way others feel, is a crucial EI skill at the heart of all effective work relationships. Jack, your result indicates that empathy might be difficult for you to display consistently. You may find it hard to step into someone else's shoes, particularly when your view is radically different. While you may prefer to remain slightly detached, this may be at the expense of creating collaborative relationships. With a result such as yours, you may find:

- when you make decisions, you are more focused on facts than others' feelings/reactions.
- you misread others' thoughts and emotions.
- it is difficult for you to articulate another's perspective.
- others' emotions often elude you or catch you by surprise.

Impact at Work

Emotional Implications. Underusing Empathy puts you at risk in all other interpersonal skill areas. You may be seen as shallow if you do not genuinely relate to others' feelings. Also, failing to seek out how coworkers feel about a decision means you may miss valuable emotional data, leaving you only half prepared to make a decision with only hard facts and no predictions for resulting emotional reactions.

Social and Behavioral Implications. Because you may have difficulty understanding how others feel, you run the risk of damaging otherwise effective working relationships. For instance, when it comes to resolving conflict, managing change, or making tough decisions, if you fail to take into account colleagues' feelings, you leave them feeling alienated and undervalued. Additionally, you cannot predict how others will accept change if you cannot address the emotions they are experiencing (e.g., fear or excitement). Engaging in active listening and mirroring body language can go a long way toward improving how you are perceived and your level of understanding for the other person's experience.

Strategies for Action

Active Listening. Active listening is about being able to repeat back, in your own words, what the speaker has said. Those with high empathy can do this even if they do not agree with what the speaker is saying.

- In general, listen more than you speak at work. Try it in your next meeting and record the approximate amount of time you spent listening versus speaking.
- When you find yourself jumping in to speak, stop, listen, and reflect back what you have heard before offering your thoughts/opinion.

Connecting on a Personal Level. If you know colleagues on a personal level you will better understand what impacts their emotions and be in a better position to see situations from their perspective.

- With some of your lesser known colleagues, take the time to connect with them on topics outside of their field of work (e.g., children, sports, current events, traveling).
- With the next situation that calls for empathy on your part, draw upon this background information to show your sensitivity to their needs (e.g., "You must really be feeling stressed with two sick kids at home and I know your wife is away at that conference. How can I help?").

Balancing Your EI

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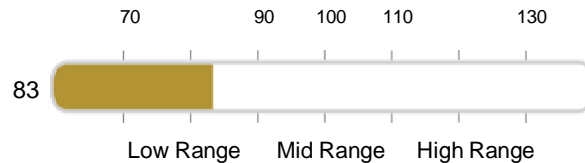
Empathy(54)

← **Reality Testing(100)**

Your Empathy is lower than your Reality Testing. The ability to remain objective and unbiased should be balanced by embracing the emotional tone of a situation. Being overly detached may mean missing social nuances or emotional changes in others that can inhibit a positive resolution in some situations.

Social Responsibility

Social Responsibility social consciousness; helpful



What Your Score Means

Social responsibility is that moral compass directing your behavior toward promoting the greater good and contributing to society and one's social groups. Jack, your result suggests that you are more often self-aspiring than you are truly altruistic, often putting your interests ahead of others'. While certain situations require you to look out for number one, constantly obliging your own needs gives the impression that you are more of an individual achiever than a team player. Based on your result, you may:

- entertain more individualist views than collectivist views.
- be more competitive than collaborative when working as part of a team.
- see yourself as separate from most societal or organizational issues (e.g., global warming or employee morale).

Impact at Work

Emotional Implications. Your lower Social Responsibility allows your emotions to get the better of you in two ways. First, if you are not strongly compelled to take responsibility for others, you may harm relationships by expressing emotions you would have otherwise controlled or dampened. Second, if you don't often help others with their struggles you won't know how tough others have it, thus overreacting to your own struggles.

Social and Behavioral Implications. Your infrequent socially responsible actions could mean you put your individual needs and objectives ahead of your team's goals. Although there is a time and a place for making "you" the priority, it is important to recognize that your colleagues may not see you as a team player or at least someone who is concerned with achieving common goals. Losing sight of your organization's goals and broader vision may compromise your ability to effectively contribute to the greater good.

Strategies for Action

Be a Contributing Member. Although we are often required to work in teams to accomplish organizational goals, when we don't agree with the philosophies or procedures that are required to meet these goals we can find ourselves contributing less than we should.

- If you are lacking commitment to your team, identify needs/goals that are common to all teammates. Be creative; come up with goals that might be supportive of, but not the same as, the overall team objective.
- Determine which needs/goals you believe in, are inspired by and can contribute to. Talk to the team or a manager about the barriers you see, but also show your willingness to contribute by bringing solutions.

Gaining a Broader Perspective. What have you done recently to help people who need a hand?

- Research two ways that you could support a cause that you care about (e.g., health and wellness in the workplace, child poverty, a political party, employee morale).
- Write down what you want to learn from each experience. How will you gain a new perspective on your life? For example, if you are struggling financially donate your time at a homeless shelter to gain a new perspective on what it means to be without.

Balancing Your EI

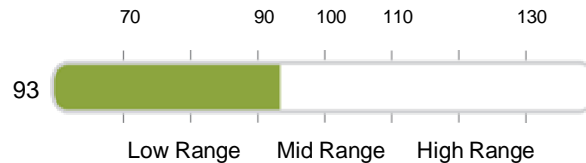
This section compares Social Responsibility with Self-Actualization, Interpersonal Relationships, and Empathy. The subscale that differs the most from Social Responsibility is Empathy. Improving the interplay between these subscales is likely to significantly impact your overall emotional intelligence.

Social Responsibility(83) ➔ **Empathy(54)**

Your Social Responsibility is higher than your Empathy. These components work best together when you put yourself in the other person's shoes to understand what is truly needed from their perspective. It is best to listen to the needs and concerns of others before choosing the best way to help them or work with them.

Problem Solving

Problem Solving find solutions when emotions are involved



What Your Score Means

Problem Solving is not about the quality of your solutions, but rather at how effectively you use your emotions in the process of solving a problem. Jack, your result in problem solving speaks of someone who can use their emotions effectively to focus on the problem at hand. In most situations you keep a clear head on the pertinent issues, without becoming frustrated by too much information or too many options. Your result indicates:

- that you take in enough information to make informed conclusions, but not so many details that you are overwhelmed.
- you confront problems head on, rather than avoiding them.
- there are still certain types of problems where your emotions get in the way of reaching a conclusion.

Impact at Work

Emotional Implications. The emotional implication for your result is that while most of the time you tackle decisions head on, there are instances when you tend to avoid making a decision. It is important to be consistently decisive whether dealing with interpersonal conflict or performance-management issues. Decisions regarding interpersonal issues shouldn't be avoided due to their uncomfortable nature, for they can be just as toxic as technical problems.

Social and Behavioral Implications. You regularly engage in clear problem-solving strategies, even when emotions enter the picture. Although there are still times when your emotions derail your decisiveness (e.g., under stress), for the most part you make use of the information contained in your emotions rather than let those emotions cloud your judgment. Given your ability to find solutions when emotions are running high, you are likely perceived as someone who can assume leadership responsibilities where decisiveness and execution are paramount.

Strategies for Action

Watch Your Limit! Our brains typically handle seven chunks of information, whether we are memorizing or deciding between many options; seven seems to be the maximum amount of information we can effectively manage.

- The next time you are stuck in solving a problem, ensure you are dealing with no more than seven pieces of information (or deciding among fewer than seven choices). Too much information paralyzes you, while too little leaves you uninformed.
- Also, if your decision is stressful, your mental and emotional resources will be even fewer, so you may want to limit yourself to three options.

Decision Deadlines. For complex issues, including interpersonal conflicts, set a deadline by which the problem must be resolved. This deadline will help you stick to an efficient process for problem solving where you are less likely to put off dealing with a tough decision.

- Generate multiple alternatives for a problem and evaluate them on the basis of impact, costs, resources and timing.
- Set a deadline for when you will select the best single solution. Treat this like any other important deliverable and have a colleague follow up with you to ensure you've met your deadline.

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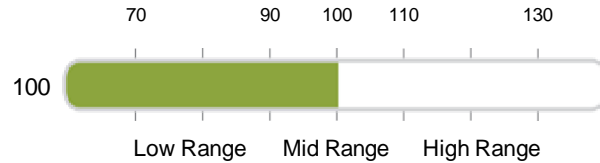
This section compares Problem Solving with Flexibility, Reality Testing, and Emotional Self-Awareness. The subscale that differs the most from Problem Solving is Emotional Self-Awareness. Improving the interplay between these subscales is likely to significantly impact your overall emotional intelligence.

Problem Solving(93) ➡ **Emotional Self-Awareness(76)**

Your Problem Solving is higher than your Emotional Self-Awareness. These components are balanced when proper consideration is given to your emotions when implementing a course of action. Some solutions may seem effective but don't feel right on an emotional level. Understanding the roles different emotions play in the decision making process will be of benefit in the long run.

Reality Testing

Reality Testing objective; see things as they really are



What Your Score Means

Call it “being grounded” or “tuned into the situation,” Reality Testing means seeing things for what they really are. In business, this includes accurately sizing up the environment, resources, and future trends in order to set realistic plans/goals. Jack, your results indicate that for the most part you can look past your emotional biases and see situations objectively. You are tuned into the task at hand and your environment and as a result set fairly reasonable goals. Your result suggests:

- you are unlikely to misinterpret critical information or allow emotions to color reality.
- your decisions and objectives are based on realistic information.
- some instances of overly positive (extreme happiness) or overly negative emotions (extreme anxiety) may cause you to be less objective.

Impact at Work

Emotional Implications. Your ability to size up the immediate situation means your emotional responses to events are generally within reason and acceptable. For instance, if something minor occurs you are unlikely to blow it out of proportion. There are times, however, particularly when under stress, that you might switch your reality testing off, allowing your emotions to cloud your objectivity.

Social and Behavioral Implications. Understanding your own limitations and personal biases goes a long way toward establishing credibility with your peers. Giant possibilities are inspiring, but matching possibilities with capabilities will create the buy-in you need. Others likely seek out your evaluation of a situation, as you are able to remain objective even when emotions are heightened. At work, your actions are likely to be exactly what the situation calls for, and only under some circumstances do you over- or under-react. It is important to figure out when you misread your environment (e.g., under stress?) and how you can further put aside your biases under these circumstances.

Strategies for Action

Practical Actions. Breaking a problem or decision down into small, practical steps can help you to stay focused on the reality of the situation and not what you wish would happen.

- Practical actions are specific steps that need to be taken, resources that need to be gathered, or buy-in you need to secure in order to make a decision.
- Listing practical actions helps you to stay grounded under pressure by keeping your focus on specific tasks required to reach a bias-free decision.

Fearing the Worst, or Sugarcoating Reality? Under times of stress you may rely less on your reality testing skills and fall victim to fearing the worst-case scenario or sugarcoating reality.

- Which of these two extremes best describes you when you are not seeing things realistically?
- If you worry about catastrophe, find evidence that says a catastrophe is unlikely. Or try running your catastrophe hypothesis by a third party to see if it's plausible.
- If you sugarcoat reality, play the role of “devil’s advocate”; find data that contradicts your overly positive assessment. Also, watch others’ reactions to your positivity; if there is hesitation in their voice or body language, they likely see your positive outlook as unrealistic.

Balancing Your EI

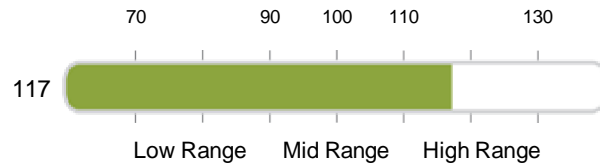
This section compares Reality Testing with Emotional Self-Awareness, Self-Regard, and Problem Solving. The subscale that differs the most from Reality Testing is Emotional Self-Awareness. Improving the interplay between these subscales is likely to significantly impact your overall emotional intelligence.

Reality Testing(100) ➤ **Emotional Self-Awareness(76)**

Your Reality Testing is higher than your Emotional Self-Awareness. Balancing these aspects of EI means objectively analyzing information, but also remaining receptive to your emotions and others’ emotions. The right synthesis involves considering emotional reactions in addition to practical logistics as you go about your work and life.

Impulse Control

Impulse Control resist or delay impulse to act



What Your Score Means

Impulse control involves understanding the appropriate times and ways to act on emotions and impulses, and the importance of thinking before acting. Jack, your result shows someone who extensively controls their emotions and impulses to act. Your highly stable nature helps to put people at ease; coworkers will feel that they can easily predict your behavior or mood and will be more likely to open communication channels with you. Your result may indicate a tendency to:

- be deliberate and apt to survey a situation before making a decision.
- be patient and calm even when provoked.
- be able to think before you act; you rarely regret what you have said or done.

Impact at Work

Emotional Implications. Your emotions are often expected visitors: you experience them, learn from them, and then take action based on this emotional knowledge. This deliberate use of emotions means you give yourself lots of time to understand how you feel and then determine what is the required action.

Social and Behavioral Implications. Your ability to remain focused, delay temptation, and avoid making rash decisions has tremendous interpersonal and professional implications. Leadership requires flexibility, but it is an astute focus and deliberate planning that achieves corporate buy-in. Because you reflect before you speak, your position is well articulated, grounded in evidence and, as a result, respected by your team. People may see your behavior as predictable and calculated and although this is necessary in many workplaces, ensure that it isn't at the expense of listening to your instincts or participating in spontaneous conversations.

Strategies for Action

Unfreezing. If you find yourself significantly less impulsive than your colleagues, you may appear to be rooted in thought when others want action. If progress is being held up by too much contemplation your teammates may see you as a barrier to moving forward.

- Before making a decision, determine upfront what evidence you will need in order to feel comfortable acting. Whose approval do you need? What is the threshold of risk you are willing to accept?
- Knowing this information upfront will help you balance deliberate decision making with the progress demanded by today's business.

Giving Your Gut Reaction a Voice. People high in Impulse Control have a lot of self-talk happening all the time. You rarely act unless you have played out multiple scenarios and as a result, your gut reaction can often be overlooked.

- Describe a situation in the past week where you regretted not speaking up or acting quickly.
- What emotion were you experiencing? Was it fear, uncertainty, sadness?
- If you could rewrite the situation, what would you have done differently? How could you have listened to your instincts despite the emotion you felt?
- Use this example of how you wished you had behaved as a goal. Try to demonstrate this behavior in the next two weeks.

Balancing Your EI

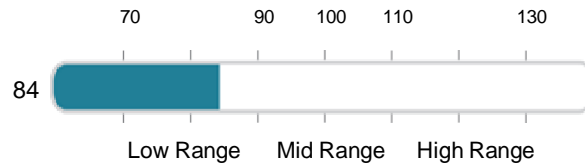
This section compares Impulse Control with Flexibility, Stress Tolerance, and Assertiveness. The subscale that differs the most from Impulse Control is Flexibility. Improving the interplay between these subscales is likely to significantly impact your overall emotional intelligence.

Impulse Control(117) ➤ **Flexibility(84)**

Your Impulse Control is higher than your Flexibility. These facets work most effectively together when you can embrace change, while being in control of your impulses and temptations. Good impulse control can alleviate susceptibility to impetuous change, but should not inhibit you from embracing change that is well planned and positive.

Flexibility

Flexibility adapting emotions, thoughts and behaviors



What Your Score Means

Flexibility requires that you be able to modify your thoughts, emotions, and behaviors in response to change. Jack, more often than not, you appear to be rigid in the way you approach work and life in general. You likely thrive in environments with strict guidelines to follow and stable priorities. However, most workplaces today are in a dynamic and rapid state of change. This may be an area to strengthen as your result indicates:

- an unwillingness to change the way you work (e.g., how you store your emails, managing customer accounts, who you report to, moving from one project to another).
- that you feel uneasy or nervous about change.
- your view of change is: "If it ain't broke don't fix it!"
- you approach organizational changes with trepidation.

Impact at Work

Emotional Implications. When people are less flexible they are usually allowing their emotions to have a bigger voice than their objective reasoning. Being flexible is about making a choice—do I keep doing the same thing, or do I change? Be aware of when your emotions take over this decision, for instance when anger or frustration convinces you that your old way of doing things is just fine and change isn't necessary.

Social and Behavioral Implications. You may have difficulty adapting your emotions, thoughts, and behaviors to changing conditions in your workplace. As a result, your colleagues may perceive you as rigid and unwilling to change, which may result in missed opportunities for leadership and becoming antiquated in your area of expertise. While others might tackle a new idea, product, or strategy with gusto, you may find yourself overwhelmed, scared, or worried about adjusting to the change, and thereby fall behind the crowd of change supporters.

Strategies for Action

Emotion Analysis. If you find yourself resisting change, write down what emotions accompany your hesitation.

- For each emotion, use your self-awareness to identify the reason you are feeling this way (e.g., your fear of change comes from the possibility of making mistakes).
- Work through your list of emotions and their causes to find tangible evidence to support or invalidate your emotion. For example, if you are afraid to make a mistake, start gathering all the possible resources and expert advice to help keep your fear at bay when tackling this new challenge.

Brainstorming. Brainstorming, especially when performed in a group context, will enable you to take on new perspectives and harvest these options for future contexts. Before you begin brainstorming options, bring about a positive mood in yourself or in the group. Positive emotions help to facilitate creativity and will allow you to remain open to any ideas brought forth.

Balancing Your EI

This section compares Flexibility with Problem Solving, Independence, and Impulse Control. The subscale that differs the most from Flexibility is Impulse Control. Improving the interplay between these subscales is likely to significantly impact your overall emotional intelligence.

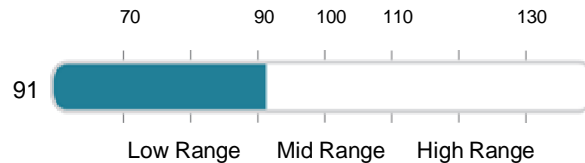
Flexibility(84)

⬅ **Impulse Control(117)**

Your Flexibility is lower than your Impulse Control. When working most effectively together, impulse control will prevent you from making changes that are rash and unjustified. It should not, however, prevent you from making changes that are worth making even if they entail some risk. A good balance of these components will allow sensible changes to occur in a thoughtful way.

Stress Tolerance

Stress Tolerance coping with stressful situations



What Your Score Means

Stress Tolerance is the ability to cope with and respond effectively to stress and mounting pressure. Jack, your result indicates that you are armed to withstand stress with a repertoire of effective coping strategies. You are able to manage your emotions, remain composed, and maintain your performance, even when times get rough. Although you may not handle all stressful conditions well, you have the underlying belief that you can control your reaction to stress. Some characteristics of your result are:

- you can maintain a level of work performance even under mounting pressure or competition.
- you actively cope with stress without letting your emotions take over.
- weaknesses in other areas of EI may be more apparent during times of stress.

Impact at Work

Emotional Implications. Although you can keep control of your emotions during times of stress, there is the possibility that you do not leverage and use your emotions. Rather than subduing your emotions, remember to use them. The emotion of happiness can help you come up with creative solutions to your stressful situation.

Social and Behavioral Implications. Your ability to tolerate stress and exert some influence over the situation is likely to appear calming and even inspiring to your colleagues. Your ability to openly cope with your challenges and even bring others along with you is a sign of tenacious leadership, a quality that is imperative given the full schedules we all work with. Although mounting pressure can cause you to lose your composure, for the most part others can predict your calm and focused demeanor and as a result are likely to openly share information with you.

Strategies for Action

Building your Coping Strategies Bank. There are several effective behavioral strategies that can help you better cope with daily stressors and improve your overall stress tolerance. Some of these strategies are so discreet you can use them in the office to address stress as soon as it starts:

- deep breathing, belly breathing, visualization exercises
- progressive muscle relaxation, acupressure
- yoga, tai chi, meditation

Worry-Free Zone. Declare a worry-free zone somewhere in your workplace.

- Move away from your desk and spend five minutes in a different location (e.g., cafeteria, outside) where the only rule is: No thinking about the thing that is causing you stress.
- Allow your mind to cool down and to become clear again. Only then are you in the best position to leverage your emotions in order to respond appropriately to the stress.

Balancing Your EI

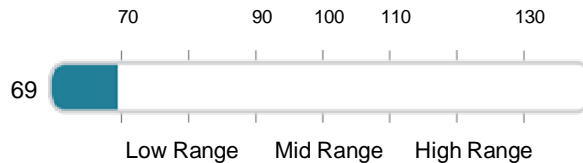
This section compares Stress Tolerance with Problem Solving, Flexibility, and Interpersonal Relationships. The subscale that differs the most from Stress Tolerance is Interpersonal Relationships. Improving the interplay between these subscales is likely to significantly impact your overall emotional intelligence.

Stress Tolerance(91) ➡ **Interpersonal Relationships(62)**

Your Stress Tolerance is higher than your Interpersonal Relationships result. Achieving balance here will help others to better understand your circumstances while allowing you to gain insight into how others are affected by stress. In times of stress, it is often helpful to describe your circumstances to a friend or colleague. This practice may prove insightful and result in healthy and open relationships.

Optimism

Optimism positive attitude and outlook on life



What Your Score Means

Optimism, the ability to remain positive despite setbacks, often differentiates between “star performers” and others in the workplace. It permeates almost every application of EI, from helping you persevere to enabling you to view change as a good thing. Jack, your result indicates that you are less optimistic than most, perhaps with a more pessimistic attitude toward work and other people. Some characteristics of your result are:

- you tend to see the world with a “glass half-empty” approach.
- you expect and plan for the worse, feeling better when contingency plans are in place.
- your goals and performance targets are likely very conservative.
- you’re not as hopeful about the future as most.

Impact at Work

Emotional Implications. Less optimistic people like you may place more emphasis on negative emotions than on positive ones. This means you aren’t attending to the whole spectrum of emotions you could experience when something goes wrong. The implication is that you become more comfortable with being upset or angry at your own faults than you are with being excited about the challenge of overcoming an obstacle.

Social and Behavioral Implications. Your less optimistic disposition may be discouraging to colleagues, especially during times of brainstorming, creativity, and blue-ocean thinking. You may focus on the negative aspects of an idea, rather than allowing the team to contemplate it for its merits. While your team may benefit from moments where you play the role of “devil’s advocate,” doing so too frequently dampens innovation and goal setting. Optimism allows you to look toward the future, particularly when times get tough. Watch that you aren’t pulling yourself and your team into the dregs of the current situation by not communicating a compelling vision for what the future could hold.

Strategies for Action

Realistic Optimism. You are halfway to becoming an optimist; you already have a keen eye for the worst-case scenario, now you just need to define the best-case scenario!

- This can take a long time to change, but it is possible.
- Every time you find yourself preparing for or fearing the worst possible outcome, write it down and put it away.
- Then, write down the best, yet realistic, outcome. Plan for this instead. Talk about this as if it is the future. Seek feedback from your colleagues about how realistic this situation is.
- After all your planning is done for the best outcome, only then should you consider the worst possible scenario and plan for it (if you even think it is still a possibility).

Vicarious Optimism. When the chips are down and things aren’t going well, it is often helpful to reflect back to a time when you have overcome a similar challenge in the past. However, there are times when our personal experiences aren’t enough. An alternative strategy is to identify with someone—a friend, colleague, or even someone in the media—who has faced a similar challenge and successfully navigated their way through it. If they can do it, so can you!

Balancing Your EI

This section compares Optimism with Self-Regard, Interpersonal Relationships, and Reality Testing. The subscale that differs the most from Optimism is Reality Testing. Improving the interplay between these subscales is likely to significantly impact your overall emotional intelligence.

Optimism(69)

← Reality Testing(100)

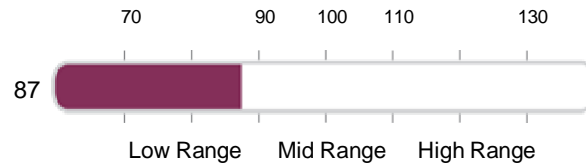
Your Optimism is lower than your Reality Testing. To balance these components, use objective information and facts to inform, strategize, and inspire dreams and visions for the future. Although there are times when you must change course entirely, don’t give up if there is still a reasonable chance to succeed. Consider all possible courses of action before revising goals.

Well-Being Indicator

Happiness satisfied with life; content

How to Use this Page

Happiness includes feelings of satisfaction, contentment and the ability to enjoy the many aspects of one's life. It is different than the other EI abilities in that Happiness both contributes to, and is a product of, emotional intelligence. As such, your result in Happiness is like an indicator of your emotional health and well-being.



Your Happiness result is shown below, linked to your results on the four subscales most often associated with Happiness.

Because Happiness is so interconnected with all EI abilities, you may find further development opportunities if you explore how the remaining subscales contribute to your level of Happiness, and vice versa.

Happiness

Jack, your result in Happiness suggests that you may find it difficult to show enthusiasm and cheerfulness towards life in general. Also, your lower Happiness may dampen any shining strengths you have in other EI skill areas, making it difficult for others to see past your discontentment. Your low Happiness result is likely related to your lower Self-Actualization, Optimism, and Interpersonal Relationships, which are of particular importance in promoting feelings of happiness. You may:

- experience periods of apathy or discontent.
- view life as being all about work and not play.
- withdraw from social situations, friends and colleagues.

Self-Regard (90)

Happiness is a by-product of believing in oneself and living according to your own values. Although you have good self-regard, there are times when you may doubt yourself, creating feelings of unhappiness. Strengthening self-regard may help to enhance life satisfaction and well-being.

- Reflect on past accomplishments to identify skills that enabled you to be successful.
- If you could improve one facet of your life, what would it be? Why?

Optimism (69)

In the face of setback and disappointment, the ability to recover and claim a happy state is contingent on one's level of optimism. Because your Optimism is low, you are unlikely to adopt a positive outlook or view the good in your life as personal, permanent and justifiable.

- Take an inventory of the good in your life. Make a list of all things positive, personal, and permanent, celebrating even the smallest aspects.
- Identify two strategies that can help you to better cope with setbacks.

Interpersonal Relationships (62)

Well-developed relationships serve as a buffer from the negative effects of life's daily demands. Your lower result in Interpersonal Relationships suggests that you may not have a strong, supportive network that can help restore your happiness when you need it the most.

- Who are your closest friends and family members? How likely are you to confide in them? Why or why not?
- How often do you interact with others to complete a 'transaction', instead of having a meaningful interaction?

Self-Actualization (84)

Happiness comes from a willingness to learn and grow on a journey aligned with your values. Your low Self-Actualization suggests that you may not be realizing your fullest potential, or that your current situation is not fulfilling your needs and values. This may dampen feelings of achievement and overall happiness.

- If you could write a story about your life, what would you want it to say? Are your daily actions telling this story?
- What legacy will you leave behind?

Action Plan

The steps you take towards achieving your EI goals will determine whether or not success is realized. Use this step-by-step activity plan to help guide you closer to your goals. Remember to use the **SMART** goal setting criteria for each goal.

SPECIFIC
MEASURABLE
ACTION-ORIENTED
REALISTIC
TIMELY

Write down up to three EI skills or behaviors that you would like to further develop (e.g., “reflective listening” to build empathy, or “recognizing how my body reacts to stress” to raise emotional self-awareness). The SMART goals that you outline in the template should help to strengthen these EI skills and behaviors.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Write down up to three overall qualities that you would like to have (e.g., integrity, providing clear leadership, team player, clear communicator). In some way the goals you outline in this action plan should help you achieve the overall qualities you identified.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Transfer your SMART goals into the action plan template below.

SMART Goal	Time Frame	Benefits	Measure of Success	Support and Resources Needed	Potential Barriers
Listen to others	In team meetings Starting from today	Other people will listen to me I will get to hear everyone's views	Feedback from the team to say that I am listening to them more Take actions that other people have suggested	From the team to give me honest feedback	Time – often do not have time to listen to views but just need to give instructions. If this is the case need to tell people at the beginning of the meeting

I commit to this action plan _____
 (signature)

EI Development Commitment

A Development Commitment is a tool to help hold you accountable for accomplishing the goals outlined in your action plan. As we all too often know, our plans for personal growth and development often fall by the wayside when we get engrossed in work and our

organization's demands win the competition for our time and attention. By outlining your objectives here and leaving a copy with your coach you are increasingly more accountable to reach your personal goals.

My Personal Development Goals

My action plan includes the following goals:

Due Date

1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

Your Signature _____

Your Coach's Signature _____