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APPENDIX B: Boredom Assessment Resources*

Reviews

Boredom Measure Reviews

Mercer-Lynn, K., Flora, D. B., Fahlman, S. A., & Eastwood, J. D. (2013). The measurement of boredom: Differences between existing self-report scales. Assessment, 20(5), 585–596. https://doi.org/10.1177/1073191111408229

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State Boredom Measures

Experience Sampling Monitoring

Mood Meter (https://moodmeterapp.com/)

A low-cost app accessible with a smartphone or tablet. Provides in-the-moment ratings of 100 emotions, including boredom. Emotions are clustered in four quadrants based on being pleasant-unpleasant and low energy-high energy.

Close Gap (https://www.closegap.org)

An app made available by a non-profit organization. Has versions appropriate for primary and secondary students. Includes administration management enabling it to be used by an entire classroom. Emotions do not include boredom, but tired and angry, closely related emotions, are included.

Multidimensional State Boredom Scale

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Academic Emotions Questionnaire

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Peixoto, F., Mata, L., Monteiro, V., Sanches, C., & Pekrun, R. (2015). The achievement emotions questionnaire: Validation for pre-adolescent students. European Journal of Developmental Psychology, 12(4), 472–481. https://doi.org/10.1080/17405629.2015.1040757

Leisure Time Boredom

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Trait Boredom Measures

Trait Boredom Scale

Farmer R., & Sundberg, N. D. (1986). Boredom proneness—The development and correlates of a new scale. Journal of Personality Assessment, 50, 4–17. https://psycnet.apa.org/doi/10.1207/s15327752jpa5001_2

Short Boredom Proneness Scale

Struk, A. A., Carriere, J. S. A., Cheyne, J. A., & Danckert, J. (2015). A Short Boredom Proneness Scale: Development and psychometric properties. Psychology & Counseling, 24(3), 346–359. https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1073191115609996

Short Boredom Proneness Scale for Children

Carrington, T. (2019). Development of a school boredom proneness scale for children. Educational Specialist. 151. https://commons.lib.jmu.edu/edspec201019/151

Managing Boredom

Coping with Boredom Scale

Nett, U. E., Goetz, T., & Daniels, L. (2010). What to do when feeling bored? Students' strategies for coping with boredom. Learning and Individual Differences, 20, 626–638. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lindif.2010.09.004

Precursors of Boredom Scale

Daschmann, E. C., Goetz, T., & Stupnisky, R. H. (2011). Testing the predictors of boredom at school: Development and validation of the precursors to boredom scales. British Journal of Educational Psychology, 81(3), 421–440. https://doi.org/10.1348/000709910x526038

Mind Wandering Questionnaire (for youth)

Mrazek, M. D., Phillips, D. T., Franklin, M. S., Broadway, J. M., & Schooler, J. W. (2013). Young and restless: validation of the Mind-Wandering Questionnaire (MWQ) reveals disruptive impact of mind-wandering for youth. Frontiers in Psychology, 4, 560. https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2013.00560

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