



# Scoring Help

Use these three tips to help you score ASQ®:SE-2 questionnaires accurately every time.

## 1. Understand the difference between competence and problem behavior items.

ASQ:SE-2 questionnaires have both scored and unscored items. The scored items address two types of behaviors:

### Competence behaviors—

Things that are beneficial for a child to do

Sample item:

*Does your child like to be hugged or cuddled?*

Response Point Value:

Often or Always: 0 points  
Sometimes: 5 points  
Rarely or Never: 10 points

### Problem behaviors—

Things that a child should not do

Sample item:

*Does your child cry, scream, or have tantrums for long periods of time?*

Response Point Value:

Often or Always: 10 points  
Sometimes: 5 points  
Rarely or Never: 0 points

To help you score the questionnaire, each response option has a letter assigned to it:

Z = 0 points  
V = 5 points  
X = 10 points

Tip: Z stands for zero  
Tip: V stands for Roman numeral V  
Tip: X stands for Roman numeral X

## 2. Add an additional 5 points for items marked as a concern.

ASQ:SE-2 gives parents the option of marking questionnaire items as a concern. Any items marked as a concern receive 5 points in addition to the points for the response marked (0, 5, or 10).

	OFTEN OR ALWAYS	SOME-TIMES	RARELY OR NEVER	CHECK IF THIS IS A CONCERN	
18. Does your child follow simple directions? For example, does she sit down when asked?	<input type="checkbox"/> Z	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> V	<input type="checkbox"/> X	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> V	10

The Sometimes response is given 5 points. The checked concern adds another 5 points. The total score for this item is 10 points.

## 3. Calculate an adjusted score if needed.

Remember to check for unanswered items. If responses are missing, contact the parent to try to obtain the answers. If that is not possible or if the items were skipped on purpose, count the number missing and proceed as follows:

- *If one or two items are missing:* Proceed as usual. Adjusting the child's score is not needed.
- *If three items are missing:* Calculate the score for the completed items. If the child's score is within 5 points of the monitoring zone or the cutoff score, calculate an adjusted score because the child's result will change. Use the instructions on page 93 of the ASQ®:SE-2 User's Guide.



For easy scoring of questionnaires with missing items, use the Adjusted Score calculator at [www.agesandstages.com/calculator](http://www.agesandstages.com/calculator) or the ASQ Calculator app.