

**DOSPERT**  
**Domain-Specific Risk Taking**  
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**Risk Taking Scale**

For each of the following statements, please indicate the **likelihood** that you would engage in the described activity or behavior, if you were to find yourself in that situation.

For each of the following statements, please indicate your **likelihood** of engaging in each activity or behavior. Provide a rating from **1 to 5**, using the following scale:

1	2	3	4	5
Very unlikely	Unlikely	Not sure	Likely	Very likely

1. Admitting that your tastes are different from those of a friend. (S) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Going camping in the wilderness. (R) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Betting a day's income at the horse races. (F) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Swimming far out from shore on an unguarded lake or ocean.(R) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Investing 10% of your annual income in a moderate growth mutual fund. (F) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Drinking heavily at a social function. (H/S) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Taking some questionable deductions on your income tax return. (E) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Disagreeing with an authority figure on a major issue. (S) \_\_\_\_\_
9. Betting a day's income at a high-stake poker game. (F) \_\_\_\_\_
10. Having an affair with a married man/woman. (E) \_\_\_\_\_
11. Passing off somebody else's work as your own. (E) \_\_\_\_\_
12. Going on vacation to a third-world country. (R) \_\_\_\_\_
13. Arguing with a friend who has a different opinion on an issue. (S) \_\_\_\_\_
14. Going down a ski run that is beyond your ability. (R) \_\_\_\_\_
15. Investing 5% of your annual income in a very speculative stock. (F) \_\_\_\_\_
16. Approaching your boss for a raise. (S) \_\_\_\_\_
17. Going whitewater rafting at high water in the spring. (R) \_\_\_\_\_
18. Betting a day's income on the outcome of a sporting event  
(e.g., baseball, soccer, or football). (F) \_\_\_\_\_

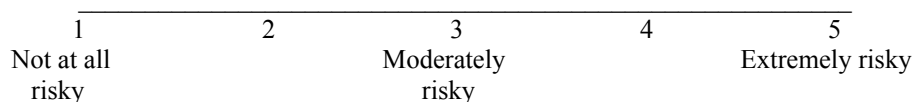
19. Investing 5% of your annual income in a dependable and conservative stock. (F/I) \_\_\_\_\_
20. Engaging in unprotected sex. (H/S) \_\_\_\_\_
21. Revealing a friend's secret to someone else. (E) \_\_\_\_\_
22. Driving a car without wearing a seat belt. (H/S) \_\_\_\_\_
23. Investing 10% of your annual income in a new business venture. (F) \_\_\_\_\_
24. Taking a weekend sky diving class. (R) \_\_\_\_\_
25. Riding a motorcycle without a helmet. (H/S) \_\_\_\_\_
26. Gambling a week's income at a casino. F/G \_\_\_\_\_
27. Choosing a career that you truly enjoy over a more prestigious one. (S) \_\_\_\_\_
28. Downloading proprietary software from the Internet. (E) \_\_\_\_\_
29. Reporting a neighbor or friend for some illegal activity. (E) \_\_\_\_\_
30. Speaking your mind about an unpopular issue in a meeting at work. (S) \_\_\_\_\_
31. Sunbathing without sunscreen. (H/S) \_\_\_\_\_
32. Bungee-jumping off a tall bridge. (R) \_\_\_\_\_
33. Piloting a small plane. (R) \_\_\_\_\_
34. Walking home alone at night in an unsafe area of town. (H/S) \_\_\_\_\_
35. Eating high cholesterol foods. (H/S) \_\_\_\_\_
36. Driving while taking medication that may make you drowsy. (H/S) \_\_\_\_\_
37. Moving to a city far away from your extended family. (S) \_\_\_\_\_
38. Starting a new career in your mid-thirties. (S) \_\_\_\_\_
39. Leaving your young children alone at home while running an errand. (E) \_\_\_\_\_
40. Not returning a wallet you found that contains \$200. (E) \_\_\_\_\_

*Note.* E = Ethical, F = Financial, H/S = Health/Safety, R = Recreational, and S = Social.

## Risk Perception Scale

People often see some risk in situations that contain uncertainty about what the outcome or consequences will be and for which there is the possibility of negative consequences. However, riskiness is a very personal and intuitive notion, and we are interested in **your gut level assessment of how risky** each situation or behavior is.

For each of the following statements, please indicate **how risky you perceive** each situation. Provide a rating from **1 to 5**, using the following scale:



## Expected Benefits Scale

For each of the following statements, please indicate **the benefits** you would obtain from each situation. Provide a rating from **1 to 5**, using the following scale:

