

## Screen for Child Anxiety Related Disorders (SCARED)

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**Directions:**

Below is a list of sentences that describe how people feel. Read each phrase and decide if it is “Not True or Hardly Ever True” or “Somewhat True or Sometimes True” or “Very True or Often True” for your child. Then, for each statement, fill in one circle that corresponds to the response that seems to describe your child *for the last 3 months*. Please respond to all statements as well as you can, even if some do not seem to concern your child.

	0 Not True or Hardly Ever True	1 Somewhat True or Sometimes True	2 Very True or Often True	
1. When my child feels frightened, it is hard for him/her to breathe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	PN
2. My child gets headaches when he/she am at school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SH
3. My child doesn't like to be with people he/she does't know well.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SC
4. My child gets scared if he/she sleeps away from home.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SP
5. My child worries about other people liking him/her.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	GD
6. When my child gets frightened, he/she feels like passing out.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	PN
7. My child is nervous.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	GD
8. My child follows me wherever I go.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SP
9. People tell me that my child looks nervous.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	PN
10. My child feels nervous with people he/she doesn't know well.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SC
11. My child gets stomachaches at school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SH
12. When my child gets frightened, he/she feels like he/she is going crazy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	PN
13. My child worries about sleeping alone.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SP
14. My child worries about being as good as other kids.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	GD
15. When my child gets frightened, he/she feels like things are not real.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	PN
16. My child has nightmares about something bad happening to his/her parents.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SP
17. My child worries about going to school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SH
18. When my child gets frightened, his/her heart beats fast.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	PN
19. He/she child gets shaky.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	PN
20. My child has nightmares about something bad happening to him/her.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SP

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22. When o {"ej kf getu frightened, j gluj g sweatu a lot.	○	○	○	<b>PN</b>
23. O {"ej kf "ku a worrier.	○	○	○	<b>GD</b>
24. O {"ej kf "getu really frightened for no reason at all.	○	○	○	<b>PN</b>
25. O {"ej kf "ku afraid to be alone in the house.	○	○	○	<b>SP</b>
26. It is hard for m{"ej kf to talk with people j gluj g dogun't know well.	○	○	○	<b>SC</b>
27. When o {"ej kf getu frightened, j gluj g feelu like j gluj g "ku choking.	○	○	○	<b>PN</b>
28. People tell me that o {"ej kf worrlgu too much.	○	○	○	<b>GD</b>
29. O {"ej kf "f qgup)like to be away from j kulj gt family.	○	○	○	<b>SP</b>
30. O {"ej kf "ku afraid of having anxiety (or panic) attacks.	○	○	○	<b>PN</b>
31. O {"ej kf worrlgu that something bad might happen to j kulj gt parents.	○	○	○	<b>SP</b>
32. O {"ej kf feelu shy with people j gluj g dogun't know well.	○	○	○	<b>SC</b>
33. O {"ej kf "worrlgu about what is going to happen in the future.	○	○	○	<b>GD</b>
34. When o {"ej kf getu frightened, j gluj g feelu like throwing up.	○	○	○	<b>PN</b>
35. O {"ej kf worrlgu about how well j gluj g dogu things.	○	○	○	<b>GD</b>
36. O {"ej kf ku scared to go to school.	○	○	○	<b>SH</b>
37. O {"ej kf "y qttlgu about things that have already happened.	○	○	○	<b>GD</b>
38. When o {"ej kf getu frightened, j gluj g feelu dizzy.	○	○	○	<b>PN</b>
39. O {"ej kf feelu nervous when j gluj g "ku with other children or adults cpf "j gluj g "j cu "q "f q "something while they watch j ko lj gt (for example: tgc f "crqwf . "ur gcm "r r { "c "game, play a sport).	○	○	○	<b>SC</b>
40. O {"ej kf feelu nervous when j gluj g "ku going to parties, dances, or any r neg "y j gtg "j gtg "y kn "dg "people that j gluj g dogun't know well.	○	○	○	<b>SC</b>
41. O {"ej kf "ku shy.	○	○	○	<b>SC</b>

**SCORING:**

A total score of **≥ 25** may indicate the presence of an **Anxiety Disorder**. Scores higher than 30 are more specific. **TOTAL =**

A score of **7** for items 1, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 19, 22, 24, 27, 30, 34, 38 may indicate **Panic Disorder** or **Significant Somatic Symptoms**. **PN =**

A score of **9** for items 5, 7, 14, 21, 23, 28, 33, 35, 37 may indicate **Generalized Anxiety Disorder**. **GD =**

A score of **5** for items 4, 8, 13, 16, 20, 25, 29, 31 may indicate **Separation Anxiety SOC**. **SP =**

A score of **8** for items 3, 10, 26, 32, 39, 40, 41 may indicate **Social Anxiety Disorder**. **SC =**

A score of **3** for items 2, 11, 17, 36 may indicate **Significant School Avoidance**. **SH =**

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3. I don't like to be with people I don't know well.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SC
4. I get scared if I sleep away from home.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SP
5. I worry about other people liking me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	GD
6. When I get frightened, I feel like passing out.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	PN
7. I am nervous.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	GD
8. I follow my mother or father wherever they go.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SP
9. People tell me that I look nervous.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	PN
10. I feel nervous with people I don't know well.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SC
11. I get stomachaches at school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SH
12. When I get frightened, I feel like I am going crazy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	PN
13. I worry about sleeping alone.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SP
14. I worry about being as good as other kids.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	GD
15. When I get frightened, I feel like things are not real.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	PN
16. I have nightmares about something bad happening to my parents.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SP
17. I worry about going to school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SH
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19. I get shaky.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	PN
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24. I get really frightened for no reason at all.	○	○	○	PN
25. I am afraid to be alone in the house.	○	○	○	SP
26. It is hard for me to talk with people I don't know well.	○	○	○	SC
27. When I get frightened, I feel like I am choking.	○	○	○	PN
28. People tell me that I worry too much.	○	○	○	GD
29. I don't like to be away from my family.	○	○	○	SP
30. I am afraid of having anxiety (or panic) attacks.	○	○	○	PN
31. I worry that something bad might happen to my parents.	○	○	○	SP
32. I feel shy with people I don't know well.	○	○	○	SC
33. I worry about what is going to happen in the future.	○	○	○	GD
34. When I get frightened, I feel like throwing up.	○	○	○	PN
35. I worry about how well I do things.	○	○	○	GD
36. I am scared to go to school.	○	○	○	SH
37. I worry about things that have already happened.	○	○	○	GD
38. When I get frightened, I feel dizzy.	○	○	○	PN
39. I feel nervous when I am with other children or adults and I have to do something while they watch me (for example: read aloud, speak, play a game, play a sport).	○	○	○	SC
40. I feel nervous when I am going to parties, dances, or any place where there will be people that I don't know well.	○	○	○	SC
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*For children ages 8 to 11, it is recommended that the clinician explain all questions, or have the child answer the questionnaire sitting with an adult in case they have any questions.*

*The SCARED is available at no cost at [www.wpic.pitt.edu/research](http://www.wpic.pitt.edu/research) under tools and assessments, or at [www.pediatric bipolar.pitt.edu](http://www.pediatric.bipolar.pitt.edu) under instruments.*