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## **Metacognitive Awareness Inventory (MAI)**

Think of yourself as a **learner**. Read each statement carefully. Consider if the statement is false, as it generally applies to you when you are a learner (student, attending classes, university, etc.) Check ( $\checkmark$ ) True or False as appropriate. When finished with all statements, apply your responses to the Scoring Guide.

		True	False
1.	I ask myself periodically if I am meeting my goals.	/	
2.	I consider several alternatives to a problem before I answer.	_	
3.	I try to use strategies that have worked in the past.	/	
4.	I pace myself while learning to have enough time.		
5.	I understand my intellectual strengths and weaknesses.	/	
6.	I think about what I really need to learn before I begin a task.	/	
7.	I know how well I did once I finish a test.		_
8.	I set specific goals before I begin a task.		/
9.	I slow down when I encounter important information.	/	
10.	I know what kind of information is most important to learn.	_	
11.	I ask myself if I have considered all options when solving a problem.		/
12.	I am good at organizing information.		/
13.	I consciously focus my attention on important information.	/	
14.	I have a specific purpose for each strategy I use.	/	
15.	I learn best when I know something about the topic.	/	
16.	I know what the teacher expects me to learn.		/
17.	I am good at remembering information.		_
18.	I use different learning strategies depending on the situation.	/	
19.	I ask myself if there was an easier way to do things after I finish a task.	/	
20.	I have control over how well I learn.	/	
21.	I periodically review to help me understand important relationships.	/	

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22.	I ask myself questions about the material before I begin.		
23.	I think of several ways to solve a problem and choose the best one.	/	
24.	I summarize what I've learned after I finish.	/	
		True	False
25.	I ask others for help when I don't understand something.	/	
26.	I can motivate myself to learn when I need to	/	
27.	I am aware of what strategies I use when I study.	/	
28.	I find myself analyzing the usefulness of strategies while I study.	/	
29.	I use my intellectual strengths to compensate for my weaknesses.	/	
30.	I focus on the meaning and significance of new information.	/	
31.	I create my own examples to make information more meaningful.	_	
32.	I am a good judge of how well I understand something.		
33.	I find myself using helpful learning strategies automatically.	/	
34.	I find myself pausing regularly to check my comprehension.	/	
35.	I know when each strategy I use will be most effective.		
36.	I ask myself how well I accomplish my goals once I'm finished.	/	
37.	I draw pictures or diagrams to help me understand while learning.	/	
38.	I ask myself if I have considered all options after I solve a problem.	/	
39.	I try to translate new information into my own words.	/	
40.	I change strategies when I fail to understand.	/	
41.	I use the organizational structure of the text to help me learn.		/
42.	I read instructions carefully before I begin a task.	_	
43.	I ask myself if what I'm reading is related to what I already know.	/	
44.	I re-evaluate my assumptions when I get confused.	/	
45.	I organize my time to best accomplish my goals.		/
46.	I learn more when I am interested in the topic.	/	
47.	I try to break studying down into smaller steps.		

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48.	I focus on overall meaning rather than specifics.		/
49.	I ask myself questions about how well I am doing while I am learning		
	something new.		
50.	I ask myself if I learned as much as I could have once I finish a task.	/	
51.	I stop and go back over new information that is not clear.		
52.	I stop and reread when I get confused.	/	

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Metacognitive Awareness Inventory (MAI) Scoring Guide

## **Directions**

For each **True**, give yourself **1 point** in the Score column.

For each **False**, give yourself **0 points** in the Score column.

**Total** the score of each category and place it in the box. **Read** the descriptions relating to each section.

## **KNOWLEDGE ABOUT COGNITION**

DECLARATIVE KNOWLEDGE	DECLARATIVE KNOWLEDGE	SCORE
The factual knowledge the learner needs before being able to process or use critical thinking	5. I understand my intellectual strengths and weaknesses.	1
related to the topic  • Knowing about, what, or that	10. I know what kind of information is most important to learn.	1
<ul> <li>Knowledge of one's skills, intellectual resources, and abilities as a learner</li> </ul>	12. I am good at organizing information.	0
Students can obtain knowledge through presentations, demonstrations, discussions	16. I know what the teacher expects me to learn.	0
PROCEDURAL KNOWLEDGE	17. I am good at remembering information.	0
The application of knowledge for the purposes of	20. I have control over how well I learn.	1
<ul> <li>completing a procedure or process</li> <li>Knowledge about <i>how</i> to implement learning procedures (e.g., strategies)</li> </ul>	32. I am a good judge of how well I understand something.	1
<ul> <li>Requires students to know the process as well as when to apply the process in various situations</li> <li>Students can obtain knowledge through</li> </ul>	46. I learn more when I am interested in the topic.	1
discovery, cooperative learning, and problem- solving	TOTAL	5
<ul> <li>CONDITIONAL KNOWLEDGE</li> <li>The determination under what circumstances specific processes or skills should transfer</li> <li>Knowledge about when and why to use learning procedures</li> </ul>		8

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<ul> <li>Application of declarative and procedure knowledge with certain conditions prese</li> <li>Students can obtain knowledge through simulation</li> </ul>	ented		
PROCEDURAL KNOWLEDGE	SCORE	CONDITIONAL KNOWLEDGE	SCORE
3. I try to use strategies that have	1	15. I learn best when I know something about	1
worked in the past.	l	the topic.	I
14. I have a specific purpose for each	4	18. I use different learning strategies	4
strategy I use.	i i	depending on the situation.	I
27. I am aware of what strategies I use	1	26. I can motivate myself to learn when I	1
when I study.	I	need to.	I
33. I find myself using helpful learning	1	29. I use my intellectual strengths to	4
strategies automatically.	I	compensate for my weaknesses.	I
		35. I know when each strategy I use will be	1
		most effective.	I
	4/	_	5
TOTAL	/ 4	TOTAL	/ 5

## **REGULATION OF COGNITION**

PLANNING		PLANNING	SCORE
<ul> <li>Planning, goal setting, and allocating</li> </ul>		4. I pace myself while learning in order to	1
resources <i>prior</i> to learning		have enough time.	ı
		6. I think about what I really need to learn	1
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES		before I begin a task.	I
<ul> <li>Skills and strategy sequences used to</li> </ul>		8. I set specific goals before I begin a task.	0
process information more efficiently		22. I ask myself questions about the material	1
organizing, elaborating, summarizing	,	before I begin.	I
selective focusing)		23. I think of several ways to solve a	1
		problem and choose the best one.	I
COMPREHENSION MONITORING		42. I read instructions carefully before I	4
<ul> <li>Assessment of one's learning or strat</li> </ul>	egy	begin a task.	I
use		45. I organize my time to best accomplish	0
		my goals.	U
DEBUGGING STRATEGIES			5
Strategies to correct comprehension	and	Total	<b>/7</b>
performance errors			
F			
EVALUATION	_		
Analysis of performance and strategy			
effectiveness after a learning episode	2		
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES	SCORE	COMPREHENSION MONITORING	SCORE
9. I slow down when I encounter	JCORE		JCURE
	1	I ask myself periodically if I am meeting	1
important information.		my goals.	
13. I consciously focus my attention on	11	2. I consider several alternatives to a	1

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important information.		problem before I answer.	
30. I focus on the meaning and	1	11. I ask myself if I have considered all	1
significance of new information.		options when solving a problem.	
31. I create my own examples to make		21. I periodically review to help me	1
information more meaningful.	1	understand important relationships.	ı
37. I draw pictures or diagrams to help	1	28. I find myself analyzing the usefulness of	1
me understand while learning.	ı	strategies while I study.	ı
39. I try to translate new information	1	34. I find myself pausing regularly to check	1
into my own words.		my comprehension.	1
41. I use the organizational structure	0	49. I ask myself questions about how well I	
of the text to help me learn	0	am doing while learning something new.	1
43. I ask myself if what I'm reading is	4		
related to what I already know.	1		
47. I try to break studying down into			
smaller steps.	1		
48. I focus on overall meaning rather			
than specifics.	0		
TOTAL	8 /		7/
TOTAL			//
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25. I ask others for help when I don't			_
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