

Instructions for Scoring CASE

The instructions below is the best way to score for CASE at this time:

Number of positive life events:

Total the number of life events rates as having a positive impact (ie. a little good to really good) by parent/child.

Number of negative life events:

Total the number of life events rates as having a negative impact (ie. a little bad to really bad) by parent/child.

Positive life events impact ratings:

Life events rates as positive are scored as follows:

- A little good (1)
- Quite good (2)
- Really good (3)

Sum the impact ratings for all life events rated as having a positive impact.

Negative life events impact ratings:

The scale for negative life events is as follows:

- A little bad (1)
- Quite bad (2)
- Really bad (3)

Sum the impact ratings for all life events rated as having a negative impact.

Life events likely to be independent of child's behaviour (20 items):

1. Moved house
3. Parent stayed away from home overnight (eg. Hospital, holiday)
5. Parent started new job
6. Someone special to child moved away
7. Family member really sick or injured
8. Parent had a baby or is expecting a baby
11. Someone came to live with family
13. Child's pet died, got sick, lost or injured
16. Parent split up with partner
18. Parent lost job
22. Saw something bad happen (eg. car accident)
24. Death of family member
25. Big family fight or argument (not including child)
26. Mother married, engaged, or began seeing someone
27. Someone broke into child's home

28. Someone in family left home
31. Death of someone special
36. Someone special really sick or injured (who is not in child's family)
37. Father married, engaged, or began seeing someone
38. Special holiday

Life events likely to be dependent on child's behaviour (14 items):

2. Won a prize award, contest
4. New boyfriend or girlfriend
9. Parent had to see child's school principal
14. Big fight or argument with someone in family
17. Success in an important test or exam
19. Break up with boyfriend or girlfriend
20. Big argument with someone special (who is not in child's family)
21. New special friend
29. Involved in a fight
30. Poor performance in an important test or exam
32. Class monitor, prefect or school captain
33. Seriously told off or punished by a teacher
34. New hobby, sport, activity
35. Failure of a grade

Four items are excluded as they were judged to be ambiguous with respect to dependence:

10. Child absence from home
12. Being teased/bullied
15. Child injury
23. Change of school

For the number of positive/negative independent and dependent life events, simply total the number of these life events rated as positive/negative.

For the impact of positive/negative dependent and independent life events, simply sum the ratings of these life events rated as positive/negative.