

# Children's Self-Efficacy in Peer Interactions

## OVERVIEW

- This scale is designed to measure youths' perceptions of their ability to be successful in social interactions.

## SUBSCALES

- **Social self-efficacy in conflict situations (10)**
  - » *Some kids want to play a game. Asking them if you can play is \_\_\_\_\_ for you.*
- **Social self-efficacy in non-conflict situations (12)**
  - » *Some kids are arguing about how to play a game. Telling them to stop is \_\_\_\_\_ for you.*

## STEPPING UP THEME(S) & OUTCOME(S)

- **Strong, Supportive, Friends & Families**
  - » Youth form and maintain healthy, close relationships
- **Diversity, Social Inclusion & Safety**
  - » Ontario youth experience social inclusion and value diversity

## PSYCHOMETRICS

- **Reliability**

Internal consistency for entire scale ( $\alpha = .85$ ), for subscales ( $\alpha = .73 - .85$ )
- **Validity**

Construct validity

## TARGET POPULATION

- Youth between 7 and 13 years of age

## LENGTH & HOW IT IS MEASURED

- 22 items
- 4-point scale, scores are summed for total
- "HARD!" = 1; "EASY!" = 4
- The two subscale items are combined for a total score (all 22 items)
- A scale from strongly agree to strongly disagree; "EASY!" to "HARD!".
- Self-report, paper-pencil version
- Languages: English

## DEVELOPER

- Wheeler, V. A., & Ladd, G. W., 1982

## LEARN MORE

- Wheeler, V. A., & Ladd, G. W. (1982). Assessment of children's self-efficacy for social interactions with peers. *Developmental Psychology*, 18(6), 795-805.

Circle the response that best describes how well you can do the following things. **HARD!** Means it is *really* hard for you and **EASY!** means it is *really* easy for you, hard and easy means it is a little bit hard or easy for you.

1. Some kids want to play a game. Asking them if you can you play is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
2. Some kids are arguing about how to play a game. Telling them to stop is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
3. Some kids are teasing your friends. Telling them to stop is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
4. You want to start a game. Asking other kids to play the game is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
5. A kid tries to take your turn during a game. Telling the kid its your turn is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
6. Some kids are going to lunch. Asking if you can go with them is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
7. A kid cuts in front of you in line. Telling the kid not to cut is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
8. A kid wants to do something that will get you into trouble. Asking the kid to do something else is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
9. Some kids are making fun of someone in your classroom. Telling them to stop is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
10. Some kids need more people to be on their teams. Asking to be on the team is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
11. You have to carry some things home from school. Asking another kid to help you is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
12. A kid always wants to be first when you play a game. Telling the kid that you are going first is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
13. Your class is going on a trip and everyone needs a partner. Asking someone to be your partner is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
14. A kid does not like your friend. Telling the kid to be nice to your friend is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
15. Some kids are deciding what game to play. Telling them what game you like is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
16. You are having fun playing a game but other kids want to stop. Asking them to finish playing the game is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
17. You are working on a project. Asking another kid to help is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
18. Some kids are using your play area. Asking them to move is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
19. Some kids are deciding what to do after school. Telling them what you want to do is ? for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
20. A group of kids wants to play a game that you don't like. Asking them to play a game that you like is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
21. Some kids are planning a party. Asking them to invite your friend is ___?___ for you	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!
22. A kid is yelling at you. Telling the kid to stop is ___?___ for you.	HARD!	Hard	Easy	EASY!