

Sensory Summary

Mark where you think you are on the below scales. Hypersensitivity means you are <u>highly</u> <u>sensitive</u> to sensations and may try and <u>avoid them</u> where possible; hyposensitivity means you have <u>lower sensitivity</u> and may try to <u>seek out</u> these sensations. There are examples below each scale. If you think you are neither hyper/hyposensitive and have no sensory differences, mark yourself in the middle as a 5.

Taste

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
(Hyposer	nsitive)					(No sens differen	,				(Hypers	ensitive)

If I am hyposensitive, I might add lots of salt to my food to make it taste stronger. If I am hypersensitive, I might prefer to eat bland foods as I find them too strong.

Smell

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
(Hyposer	nsitive)				•	o sensory					(Hyperse	ensitive)

If I am hyposensitive, I might not notice strong smells and enjoy smelling essential oils. If I am hypersensitive, I might dislike smelly places like a canteen and find smells overpowering.

Vision

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10]	
(Hypose	ensitive)			(No sensory							(Hypersensitive)		
						differen	ces)						

If I am hyposensitive, I might really like watching bright light displays. If I am hypersensitive, I might prefer to have lights dimmed or turned off.

Sound

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10]		
(Hyposensitive)				(No sensory								(Hypersensitive)		
				differences)										

If I am hyposensitive, I might turn my music up loud and dislike silence. If I am hypersensitive, I might dislike loud spaces and put my hands over my ears.

Touch

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
(Hyposensitive)						(No senso		(Hypersensitive)				
						difference	s)					

If I am hyposensitive, I might enjoy rubbing my hands on soft fabric or a soft toy. If I am hypersensitive, I might dislike and avoid touching certain fabrics.

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Texture



If I am hyposensitive, I might really enjoy the feeling of certain food textures in my mouth (such as liking crunchy food). If I am hypersensitive, I might strongly dislike and avoid eating certain food textures (such as mashed potato).

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