

INTERESTED IN SEEING YOUR RESULTS?

This quiz is intended to be an easy way to obtain a general idea about your personal risk tolerance. There are plenty of factors that might affect this result, such as age, health and current financial situation. For a more detailed assessment, check with a qualified professional.

Answer values:

- 1 point indicates a high risk tolerance
- 2 points indicates an above average risk tolerance
- 3 points indicates a moderate risk tolerance
- 4 points indicates a low risk tolerance



1. When do you plan to retire?

a. 20 years or more	(1 point)
b. 10 to 20 years	(2 points)
c. 10 years or less	(3 points)
d. I'm already retired	(4 points)

2. When it comes to taking risks, how would your best friend describe you?

a. Willing to put it all on the line	(1 point)
b. Open to taking risks as long as the potential rewards are worth it	(2 points)
c. Consider taking some risks – with caution	(3 points)
d. Taking risks is too risky for me	(4 points)

3. You inherited \$50,000 and had to invest all of the money in one of the following choices. Which one would you select?

a. A currency trading account	(1 point)
b. A portfolio of 10 common stocks in the energy sector	(2 points)
c. A mutual fund that owns a balanced portfolio of stocks and bonds	(3 points)
d. A high interest savings account	(4 points)



4. You are three weeks away from a dream trip to Australia, when you find out your company is downsizing and you lose your job. What do you do about the trip?

a. Add two weeks onto the trip, you now have unlimited vacation!	(1 point)
b. Go as scheduled, but downgrade to a cheaper hotel	(2 points)
c. Rebook a shorter and more economical trip closer to home	(3 points)
d. Cancel the trip immediately	(4 points)

5. What is your comfort level with making your own investment decisions?

a. Very comfortable, I am an investing professional	(1 point)
b. Generally comfortable, as long as I've done my research	(2 points)
c. Somewhat comfortable, I do seek advice if I'm unsure about an opportunity	(3 points)
d. Uncomfortable, I don't make any investment decisions on my own	(4 points)

6. A trusted colleague has developed an app that Apple has expressed an interest in buying. But, in order to complete the development, she needs additional funding. If you invest and Apple does buy the app, your investment will triple in value. What do you do?

a. Invest six months of your rent/mortgage payments	(1 point)
b. Invest four months of your rent/mortgage payments	(2 points)
c. Invest six weeks of your rent/mortgage payments	(3 points)
d. Invest \$100	(4 points)

7. How do you feel when you hear the word "risk"?

a. Excited	(1 point)
b. Optimistic	(2 points)
c. Cautious	(3 points)
d. Scared	(4 points)

8. A stock you bought over a year ago has suddenly increased by 30 per cent. What would you do?

a. Borrow money to buy more stock, it's going to keep rising	(1 point)
b. Let it roll and keep things where they are	(2 points)
c. Sell half of you shares	(3 points)
d. Sell all of your shares and put the money in a savings account – you've made your profit	(4 points)



9. You are on a TV game show and can choose one of the following. Which would you take?

a. \$1,000 in cash	(1 point)
b. A 50 per cent chance at winning \$5,000	(2 points)
c. A 25 per cent chance at winning \$10,000	(3 points)
d. A 5 per cent chance at winning \$100,000	(4 points)

10. Given the best and worst case returns of the four investment choices below, which would you prefer?

a. \$200 gain best case; \$0 gain/loss worst case	(1 point)
b \$800 gain best case; \$200 loss worst case	(2 points)
c. \$2,600 gain best case; \$800 loss worst case	(3 points)
d. \$4,800 gain best case; \$2,400 loss worst case	(4 points)

11. In addition to whatever you own, you have been given \$1,000. You are now asked to choose between:

a. A sure gain of \$500	(1 point)
b. A 50% chance to gain \$1,000 and a	
50% chance to gain nothing	(3 points)

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