

Affluenza

Do You Have It?

 Complete this simple true/false test to find out.

Diagnose yourself using the key on the back of this page.

1. I'm willing to pay more for a t-shirt if it has a cool corporate logo on it.
2. I believe that if I buy the cocktail dress, the cocktail party will come.
3. I have a shoe collection Imelda Marcos would envy.
4. When I'm cold, I take my clothes off and turn up the heat.
5. I'm willing to work 40 years at a job I hate so I can buy lots of stuff.
6. When I'm feeling blue, I like to go shopping and treat myself.
7. I want a sports utility vehicle, although I rarely drive in conditions that warrant one.
8. I usually make just the minimum payment on my credit cards.
9. I believe that whoever dies with the most toys wins.
10. Most of the things my friends/family and I enjoy doing together are free.
11. I don't measure my self-worth (or that of others) by what I own.
12. I know how to pinch a dollar until it screams.
13. I worry about the effects of advertising on children.
14. To get to work, I carpool, ride my bike or use public transportation.
15. I'd rather be shopping right now.

Key on back



For questions 1-9 and 15, give yourself 2 points for true and 1 point for false.

For questions 10-14, give yourself 0 points for true and 2 points for false.

If you scored:

10–15 No dangerous signs of Affluenza at this time. Watch Affluenza to help build immunity.

16–22 Warning: You have mild Affluenza. Watch Affluenza to help prevent a full-blown case, and see our handy tips for squishing the Affluenza bug.

23–30 Cut up your credit cards and call a doctor! Memorize our list of bug-beating tips. Watch Affluenza, and then watch it again.

Bearkats Read to Succeed will host free Affluenza viewing events, so watch for announcements of time and location in the fall semester.

SOURCES/RESOURCES:

What is It? <http://www.pbs.org/kcts/affluenza/diag/what.html>

Diagnosis <http://www.pbs.org/kcts/affluenza/diag/have.html>

Bug-beating Tips <http://www.pbs.org/kcts/affluenza/treat/tips.html>