

The Materialistic Desires Scale (MDS) is a short measure that I developed for a study I was doing. The study never came to be published, but somewhere along the line a couple of other researchers began to use the scale (e.g., Polak & McCullough, 2006, *J of Happiness Studies*).

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Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with these 10 statements, using the following scale.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Neutral	Slightly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree

1. ____ I wish I made more money.
2. ____ I wish I had a nicer car.
3. ____ I wish I had a bigger or nicer house.
4. ____ I wish I had more clothes.
5. ____ I wish I had more fashionable clothes.
6. ____ I wish I had nicer electronic equipment (e.g., TVs, stereos, computers, etc.) and/or home appliances (e.g., stoves, refrigerators, etc.).
7. ____ I wish I had more money to eat out more often.
8. ____ I wish I had more money to go out to movies, plays, amusement parks, etc. more often.
9. ____ I wish I could travel more often for fun to more exotic locations.
10. ____ I wish I were wealthier.

Scoring: I recommend averaging the 10 items together to obtain a single score.