

## The Blessed Orientation-Memory-Concentration (BOMC) Test

"Now I'd like to give you a short memory test that will take about 5 minutes. Some questions will be easy; some may be more difficult. Are you ready?"

Items	Maximum Error	Score	Weight
1) What year is it now?	1	x4=	
2) What month is it now? Memory phrase: Repeat phrase after me: "John Brown, 42 Market Street, Chicago."	1	X3=	
3) About what time is it (within 1 hour)	1	x4=	
4) Count backwards 20 to 1.	2	x2=	
5) Say the months in reverse order (start with December)	2	x2=	
6) Repeat the memory phrase. (1)John (1)Brown (1)42 (1) Market (1) Chicago)	5	x2=	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	

The scores from each of the six items are multiplied to yield a weighted score. Score 1 for each incorrect response. Weighted error scores greater than 10 are consistent with dementia.

Scoring items 4 and 5: For uncorrected errors, score "2"; for self-corrected errors, score "1". For no errors, score "0"

Scoring the memory phrase: If no cue is necessary and the patient recalls both name and address, score "0". If patient cannot spontaneously recall the name and address, cue with "John Brown" one time only. If this cue is necessary, the patient automatically has 2 errors.

Score 1 point for each subsequent "unit" the participant cannot recall.

Source: Katzman R., et al. Validation of a short orientation-memory-concentration test of cognitive impairment. *Am T Psychiatry* 1983; 140:734-9.