

MINDFULNESS WORKSHEET 4A (Mindfulness Handouts 4–4c)

Observing, Describing, Participating Checklist

Due Date: _____ Name: _____ Week Starting: _____

Check off mindfulness skills that you use when you use them. You can check each skill up to four times. If you practice a skill more than four times, extend your checks toward the edge of the page, or use the back of the page if needed.

Practice observing: Check off an exercise each time you do one.

- 1. What you see: ___ Watch without following what you see.
- 2. Sounds: ___ Sounds around you, ___ pitch and sound of someone's voice, ___ music.
- 3. Smells around you: ___ Aroma of food, ___ soap, ___ air as you walk.
- 4. The taste of what you eat and the act of eating.
- 5. Urges to do something: ___ Urge-surf, ___ notice urge to avoid, ___ notice where in body urge is.
- 6. Body sensations: ___ Body scan, ___ sensation of walking, ___ body touching something.
- 7. Thoughts coming in and out of your mind: ___ Imagine your mind as a river, ___ as a conveyor belt.
- 8. Your breath: ___ Movement of stomach, ___ sensations of air in and out nose.
- 9. By expanding awareness: ___ To your entire body, ___ to space around you, ___ to hugging a tree.
- 10. By opening the mind: ___ To each sensation arising, not attaching, letting go of each.
- 11. Other (describe): _____

Practice describing: Check off an exercise each time you do one.

- 12. What you see outside of your body.
- 13. Thoughts, feelings, and body sensations inside yourself.
- 14. Your breathing.
- 15. Other (describe): _____

Practice participating: Check off an exercise each time you do one.

- 16. Dance to music.
- 17. Sing along with music you are listening to.
- 18. Sing in the shower.
- 19. Sing and dance while watching TV.
- 20. Jump out of bed and dance or sing before getting dressed.
- 21. Go to a church that sings and join in the singing.
- 22. Play karaoke with friends or at a karaoke club or bar.
- 23. Throw yourself into what another person is saying.
- 24. Go running, riding, skating, walking; become one with the activity.
- 25. Play a sport and throw yourself into playing.
- 26. Become the count of your breath, becoming only "one" when you count 1, becoming only "two" when you count 2, and so on.
- 27. Become a word as you slowly say the word over and over and over.
- 28. Throw caution to the wind, and throw yourself into a social or work activity.
- 29. Other (describe): _____

List any and all wise things you did this week: _____