Work Life Balance Lessons

LESSON	PREVAILING BEHAVIORS	DESIRED BEHAVIOR
Breathing Lessons	 ☐ Shallow breathing ☐ Hyperventilating ☐ Shoulder or clavicle breathing ☐ Being out of breath 	 □ Diaphragmatic breathing □ Learning to stay calm □ Deep breathing □ Practicing the pregnant pause
Digestion Lessons	☐ Gulping down food ☐ Consuming overly large portions ☐ Eating and running ☐ Eating while working	 □ Eating at a leisurely pace □ Taking time to digest □ Holding a regular meal schedule □ Finishing food before working
Nutrition Lessons	 □ Eating junk food □ Loading up on fats, sugar, and salt □ Missing meals □ Not consuming balanced meals 	 □ Eating healthy food □ Staying hydrated □ Eating regularly □ Ingesting greens, beans, berries daily
Pacing Lessons	 ☐ Seeking to finish everything at once ☐ Underestimating time constraints ☐ Rushing to meet a deadline ☐ Wasting time on insignificant tasks 	 □ Setting small, reachable goals □ Devising a realistic schedule □ Budgeting ample time □ Tackling important items first
Pausing Lessons	 □ Never taking time off □ Never taking breaks between tasks □ Plowing through project after project □ Rushing into tasks 	 □ Catching yourself doing things right □ Pausing after a completion □ Acknowledging your achievements □ Strategizing first
Leisure Lessons	 □ Pursuing too many hobbies □ Watching television □ Feeling guilty about leisure time □ Daydreaming excessively at work 	 □ Participating in a few rewarding hobbies □ Enjoying other stimulating activities □ Letting go of concerns □ Focusing on work at work
Quiet Lessons	 □ Confronting constant noise □ Engaging in constant small talk □ Keeping a radio or TV on all the time □ Babbling on unnecessarily 	 ☐ Finding quiet places to work and think ☐ Speaking at appropriate/desirable times ☐ Turning the TV or radio off ☐ Acknowledging that silence is golden
Sleeping Lessons	 ☐ Staying up too late ☐ Waking up too late ☐ Dozing off at work ☐ Creating a poor sleep environment 	 ☐ Going to bed early ☐ Waking up early ☐ Taking short naps at proper times ☐ Creating a clean, quiet sleep area
Reflection Lessons	 □ Despairing at small setbacks □ Overlooking small achievements □ Not taking time to reflect □ Taking brief, private reflections 	 □ Viewing failure as a path to success □ Rewarding completions □ Pausing to reflect □ Connecting with a partner