Mindfulness Mondays

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The MHTTC Network uses affirming, respectful and recovery-oriented language in all activities. That language is:

STRENGTHS-BASED AND HOPEFUL

INCLUSIVE AND
ACCEPTING OF
DIVERSE CULTURES,
GENDERS,
PERSPECTIVES,
AND EXPERIENCES

HEALING-CENTERED AND TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE

Inviting to individuals PARTICIPATING IN THEIR OWN JOURNEYS

PERSON-FIRST AND FREE OF LABELS

NON-JUDGMENTAL AND AVOIDING ASSUMPTIONS

RESPECTFUL, CLEAR AND UNDERSTANDABLE

CONSISTENT WITH OUR ACTIONS, POLICIES, AND PRODUCTS

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Week 4

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Describe (Month 2: Jan 10/24)

 Describe builds off of observe. Rather than just noticing and moving on, we are now noticing external and internal experiences, and describing them.

• **Describe:** Use words to describe your experience. It can be helpful to say this out loud. "I am observing that I feel anxious. I had the thought that I am in danger. I notice that my heart rate is speeding up." Once again, be careful not to attach any labels or judgments to what you are describing.

Describing an object (5 mins), Labelling boxes (15 minutes)

Describing an object (5 mins)



Labelling Boxes (15 mins)



What did you notice?

- What did you observe during the practice?
- What came up for you?
- What was hard? What was easy?

• (think about this practice, last sessions practice, at home practice)

Discussion

• What did you notice during your at home practice? Were you able to use this skill in a situation in your life? What was the outcome?

Questions

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Thank You!

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