

TOOLS FOR LEARNING FITNESS KNOWLEDGE



PERCEIVED EXERTION CARD

RPE Scale	Rate of Perceived Exertion
10	Max Effort Activity It feels almost impossible to keep going. I'm completely out of breath and can't talk. I can't keep this up for long.
9	Very Vigorous Activity It's really hard to maintain this intensity. I can barely breathe and can only speak a few words at one time.
7-8	Vigorous Activity This is almost uncomfortable. My breathing is very heavy, but can speak a full sentence.
4-6	Moderate Activity My breathing is heavy, but can hold a short conversation. I'm not uncomfortable, but I can feel the challenge in the activity.
2-3	<b>Light Activity</b> I can maintain this activity for hours. It's easy to breathe and carry on a conversation.
1	<b>Very Light Activity</b> I don't have to try hard at all, but I'm not watching TV or taking a nap.