THE PRESSURE GAUGE SYSTEM

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Below you find further explanation of each level. Determine what your green, yellow, orange, and red days look like (and what you'll do in those cases for workouts, nutrition, and stress management!)



## RED DAYS

These are the days when everything feels like it's on fire. We're basically the "This is Fine" Dog. The plan here is to stick to the minimums (which will still be very helpful!)

### TONS of pressure | little to no time/energy

#### RED DAY EXAMPLE:

5 min walk during lunch break. Eat a source of protein and a fruit/veggie today. Take a minute to close your eyes and breathe.



### ORANGE DAYS

Here, life is on the verge of crazy ("If one more thing comes up, so help me..."). These days, we can prioritize our biggest bang-for-the-buck habits and workouts, while allowing enough time for recovery so we don't overstretch ourselves (which results in us going into the red!)

# A LOT of pressure | some time/energy

#### **ORANGE DAY EXAMPLE:**

10 to 20 min walk during lunch break or 10-20 min strength workout. Eat 2-3 servings of protein and fruits/veggies throughout the day. Do 5-10 min of stretching/meditation in the evening to wind down.



## YELLOW DAYS

These days feel full but manageable, like Batman dealing with another breakout at Arkham Asylum ("Here we go again!"). We can usually execute our current tasks and habits without much adjustment.

### Building pressure | moderate time/energy

#### YELLOW DAY EXAMPLE:

20-30 min walk and/or 20-30 min strength workout, 2-3x during the week. Eat 3-4 servings of protein and fruits/veggies throughout the day - eating slowly and mindfully. Screens off 15-20 min before bed.



# GREEN DAYS

These are days when we have the bandwidth to do more, and the desire to do so. We feel unstoppable - like Superstar Mario! We can think of these days as opportunities to level up a bit more or stretch ourselves outside of our comfort zone.

### Little to no pressure | lots of time/energy

#### **GREEN DAY EXAMPLE:**

All of Yellow Light Day, + meal plan for the next week and add an additional 10 minutes of interval training at the end of strength sessions. etc.



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