Module Planning and organization

Learning to use a calendar, notebook and to-do list

- Note down in the left column what type of calendar, notebook and to-do list you would like to use and how you can use it in a consistent way.
- Practice the use of calendar, notebook and to-do list and write down what went well and which problems you experienced.
- ► Write down possible solutions for the problems experienced.

Calendar, notebook and to-do list	What went well	Problems experienced	Possible solutions
Type of calendar :			
How to use it in a consistent way:			
Type of notebook :			
How to use it in a consistent way:			
Type of to-do list :			
How to use it in a consistent way:			

Learning to plan and finish tasks

- ► Table 1: Note down all tasks to be completed and add a deadline if applicable.
- ► Table 2: Organize all tasks according to priority.
- ► Table 3: Practice this skill and note down what went well and which problems you experienced.

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Urgent and important, should be done quickly	Important but can be done in the mid-long term	Less important and urgent

What went well?
Problems experienced?

Making complex tasks more manageable

- ► Describe the complex task in a few words.
- ► Split up the task into smaller parts that are more manageable.
- ► Figure out the sequence in which the parts should be carried out.
- ► Carry out the plan step by step.

Complex task:
Smaller parts
Sequence of the parts
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Finishing boring, lengthy or recurrent tasks

- ► Table 1: Note down some examples of boring and lengthy tasks you need to complete regularly and figure out how you can make them more rewarding.
- ► Table 2: Note down some examples of recurrent tasks and figure out how you can complete them in an efficient way.

Boring and lengthy tasks
Examples
How can I make these tasks more rewarding?
Recurrent tasks
Examples
How can I complete recurrent tasks in an efficient way?

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Strengthening problem solving skills

Six steps of problem solving:

- 1. Describe and analyze the problem: write down the core of the problem and the goals that are set.
- 2. Brainstorm about all the possible solutions: Look for solutions in a creative manner and note them down.
- 3. Sum up the pros and cons and the feasibility of every solution.
- 4. Give every solution a score from 0 to 10 on the basis of pros, cons and feasibility.
- 5. Choose the best option.
- 6. Evaluate the chosen solution and note down clues for future problems to be solved.

Describe and analyze the <i>problem</i> and the <i>goals</i> that are set:				
Possible solutions	Pros	Cons	Feasibility	Score 0-10
Best option:	Best option:			
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Evaluate the chosen option:				
Note down clues for future problems to be solved:				
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Learning to organize

- Table 1: This table lists different skills to improve organization. Specify for each skill how you can apply it.
- Table 2: Practice these skills and note down what went well and which problems you
 experienced.

Skills to improve organization

1. Dealing with mail

Which structured system and fixed place in the house can be used to deal with mail?

Which time periods would be suitable to deal with mail?

What helps to avoid mail piling up?

2. Filing documents

Which fixed place in the house would be suitable to file documents?

Which structured system would be suitable to file documents?

What helps to avoid documents pile up?

3. Avoiding to lose time looking for things

Which fixed spots in the house can be used to store things?

Which 'rituals' could be helpful?

4. Doing small, practical tasks

Examples of small tasks that are easily forgotten:

Which tasks can be associated with one another?

Which mnemonic devices can be useful to remember thing to be done?

	Practicing skills to improve organization
	1. Dealing with mail
	What went well?
	Problems experienced?
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	2. Filing documents and e-mails
	What went well?
-	Problems experienced?
	3. Avoiding to lose time looking for things
	What went well?
	Problems experienced?
	4. Doing small, practical tasks
	What went well?
-	Problems experienced?

Learning to go to sleep and to get up on time

- ► Table 1: Describe your sleeping pattern and possible consequences.
- ► Table 2: Note down strategies to improve your sleeping pattern and evaluate what went well and which problems you experienced.

Description of my sleeping pattern
Which factors impede normal sleeping hours?
Current consequences of poor sleep hygiene:

Improving the sleeping pattern
How can a fixed structure before going to bed be instituted?
A regular hour to go to sleep:
An evening ritual:
Other strategies that can be helpful to go to sleep on time:
How can a fixed structure at getting up be instituted?
A regular hour to get up:
A morning routine:
Other strategies that can be helpful to get up on time and to avoid to lose time in the morning:
Practicing skills to improve the sleeping pattern
What went well?
Problems experienced?

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Addressing procrastination

- Try to get a good view on the procrastination by noting down which tasks you mainly postpone.
- ► Note down pros and cons of procrastination you experience in the short and long term.
- ► Write down strategies to address procrastination.

Tasks that are often procrastinated:				
Pros and cons of procrastination:				
	Short term	Long term		
Pros				
Cons				
Possible strategies to address procrastination:				