# The Happiness Advantage Participant Guide

## Shawn Achor-The Happiness Advantage: The Seven Principles of Positive Psychology that Fuel Success and Performance at Work

https://www.ted.com/talks/shawn\_achor\_the\_happy\_secret\_to\_better\_work/

#### **Happiness Traps**

If:\_\_\_\_\_

Then: \_\_\_\_\_\_

## Jell-o at Lunch Activity

Write out 3 happiest moments you've had/what currently makes you happy

1	 	 	
2	 	 	
3			

### What can you do in your life?

Use the space below to write out how you can improve your life to make it happier and more productive:

What can you do?	When can you do it?

## Three Things Activity

Write out 3 things you are grateful for:

1	 	 	
2			
3.			

#### Losada Line – 3 to 1 ratio for successful teams

What can I do to improve my number of positive interactions:

#### **Capitalizing on the Happiness Advantage**

These things have been shown to help permanently raise our happiness level.

- Meditate
- Find Something to Look Forward To
- Commit Conscious Acts of Kindness
- Infuse Positivity Into Your Surroundings
- Exercise
- Spend Money (but not on stuff)

#### Resources

Gratitude Journal, Affirmation App



Headspace Guided Meditation App - www.headspace.com

## Homework- Signature Strength

Even more fulfilling than using a skill is exercising a strength of character, a trait that is deeply embedded in who we are. A team of psychologists recently catalogued the 24 cross-cultural character strengths that most contribute to human development. They then developed a comprehensive survey that identities an individual's top five, or "signature strengths" Go to <u>www.viacharacter.org</u> and take it for free. Try to incorporate at least one of them into your life each day.

#### Notes

