

	Name of Activity			
	Understanding Heart Rate & Response to Exercise			
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National Standard(s)	Standard 3 - The physically literate individual demonstrates the knowledge and skills to achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical activity and fitness.			
Grade Level Outcome	S3.H8.L1 Fitness Knowledge			
or Performance				
Indicator				
Activity Objective	Students will be able to calculate their Target Heart Rate and analyze their			
	physiological response to exercise using a heart rate monitor.			
Grade(s)	9-12			
Materials	1 heart rate monitor per student, pen or pencil per student			
	Activity Description			

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Have students calculate their resting heart rate and target heart rate zone. Then have students perform different exercises (outlined on the next page) while wearing heart rate monitors. See attached worksheet for students to complete using heart rate monitors.

Modifications

Include ways to modify this activity for advanced, lower level and inclusion students.

For younger students (Grades 6-8) omit questions you may feel are too advanced or guide them through the worksheet as a class.

Have students complete with partners or in groups.



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My resting heart rate (RHR) is: beats/min (bpm)
This time find your target heart rate by doing the math yourself. Use the formulas below:
• 220 - your age =(maximum heart rate or MHR)
MHR - resting heart rate (RHR) =x .60 + RHR =(minimum training heart rate)
MHR – resting heart rate (RHR) = x .80 + RHR = (maximum training heart
rate)
My Target Heart Rate Zone is beats/min
Record your Heart Rate after performing each activity on your own:
1. 30 Jumping Jacks: beats/min
2. 10 Push Ups:beats/min
3. 30 secs of a Plank:beats/min
4. 10 Burpees:beats/min
5. 60 secs of Wall Sits: beats/min



7. See if you can get into the "Orange Zone" and stay there for 30 secs. What activity or exercise did you do?	6. Sprint or run fast for 30 secs:beats/min
Now, jog for 4 minutes a. What is your heart rate immediately after the 4th minute? beats/min b. What is your heart rate 1 minute after stopping jogging? beats/min c. What is your heart rate 2 minutes after stopping jogging? beats/min In the space below plot your RHR and your 3 heart rate scores (for a, b, c) on a graph. You must also	
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What does a heart rate monitor tell us?



How can we use the information from a heart rate monitor to improve our fitness?
Explain in your own words what Target Heart Rate Zone means.
How can RHR (resting heart rate) be used to indicate how fit somebody is?
In your own words, explain the following components of the F. I. T. T. Formula? Be as specific as you
can.
Frequency -
Intensity -



Time -		
Type -		