

Perceived exertion chart

1 Okay to go

"I feel great, and I'm breathing normally."

Very, very light intensity
"I feel terrific. I don't even feel like I'm exerting myself."

Yery light intensity
"This is fun. I feel like I could go forever."

Light intensity
"I can tell I'm exercising. I feel good."

Moderate intensity
"I'm sweating a little. I'm working."

6 Moderate to intense
"I'm exercising harder than I thought I would. I'm getting a workout."

Intense
"The workout is hard, but I can take it."

Very intense
"This is difficult. I'm breathing hard. I'm not sure how long I can go."

Very, very intense
"I'm uncomfortable. I can't talk in a normal tone of voice. I should slow down."

10 Maximum intensity
"I'm completely exhausted. I must slow down immediately."