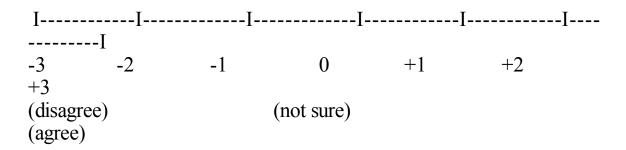
## P-Lab 5: Creating a mental context.

This exercise is designed to illustrate how we may often create our own mental contexts.

When you read a sentence below, just allow yourself to think about it for a little while. Then write down the number for your "degree of agreement," as shown on the scale. Number your answer from -3 (disagree) to +3 (agree), with zero meaning "not sure."

## AGREEMENT RATING:



- 1. This is a tolerably good day for me. Agreement number? \_\_\_\_
- 2. Life has its ups and downs, but there is a lot of good in it. Agreement number? \_\_\_\_
- 3. Sometimes I feel that I may be making a mistake, but most of the time, I'm able to overcome problems. Agreement number?
- 4. I really do the best I can, almost 100% of the time. Agreement number? \_\_\_\_
- 5. I have some good friends. Agreement number? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Difficulties are often a test of my strength and persistence; and I notice that I can overcome them most of the time. Agreement number?
7. When I look at myself from an outside perspective, I realize that I am a likeable, competent, thoughtful, well-intentioned person who deserves a lot of credit and support in what I'm doing. Agreement number?
8. I sometimes feel down, but those feelings come to an end after some time. Agreement number?
9. My friends feel warmly toward me. Agreement number?
10. I can learn even from adversity. Agreement number?
11. I sometimes feel very attractive, not just physically, but in terms of being a very lively and interesting person. Agreement number?
12. When I see the problems some people must cope with, I can realize how lucky I really am. Agreement number?
13. Sometimes I can really communicate well with children. Agreement number?
14. At times I feel really supported by the people who like me a lot. Agreement number?
15. Today I noticed some beautiful things about the world. Agreement number?
16. I sometimes feel myself smiling spontaneously. Agreement number?
17. Many people who are not that close to me would probably like to know me better. Agreement number?
18. Sometimes animals are instinctively attracted to me. Agreement number?

19. Sometimes I surprise myself by how competent I am. Agreement number?
20. I have a good sense of humor. Agreement number?
21. When I think about the past, there are some things I regret, but I know that I've always worked for the best outcome in any situation. In fact, I could easily come up with many hundreds of examples of good things happening to me in the past. Agreement number?
22. I am basically a warm person who wants to see a better world for all of humanity. Agreement number?
23. When I really think about it, I have more good friends than I often realize. Agreement number?
24. Sometimes very tiny events in the day, like the sight of flowers, or the sky, or the flight of a bird, can remind me of all the good things that I tend to take for granted. Agreement number?
25. There are people who like to spend their time with me. Agreement number?
26. I could probably make even more good friends than I have today. Agreement number?
27. Some people love me. Agreement number?
28. I care about other people's happiness. Agreement number?
29. When I look at my life from a larger perspective, I realize how many different things I do very well. Agreement number?
30. I have achieved a remarkable number of things in my life so far. Agreement number?

31. I have reason to feel genuine hope about the future. Agreement number?
32. I can easily imagine having a wonderful time today and tomorrow. Agreement number?
33. While I am accomplishing a great deal through hard work, I can also remind myself to stop and smell the flowers, to realize all the good things that already exist in my life. Agreement number?
34. I am fortunate to be living where I am. Agreement number?
35. I am basically a very kind person. Agreement number?
36. By and large, people mean well. Agreement number?
37. There is something special and pleasurable about my life style. Agreement number?
38. I am a unique person. Agreement number?
39. I realize that negative feelings often come from selective perception from looking at the down side rather than positive things in life. Agreement number?
40. I have a special sense of shared perspective and shared warmth with some people. Agreement number?
41. I can think of all my friendships and relationships as a giant network that helps to maintain me in a very supportive way. Agreement number
42. It is useful to remind myself more often of all the good things that are worth living for. Agreement number?
43. In its own way, today is a beautiful day. Agreement number?

44. I am now working at close to my own optimal level of competence and confidence. Agreement number?
45. My experience indicates that I can trust myself to always do the best I can. Agreement number?
46. I am operating close to the peak of my abilities. Agreement number?
47. I am beginning to give myself credit for my own achievements. Agreement number?
48. I am a really successful person, and have a lot to look forward to. Agreement number?
49. I am really a likeable person, and I'm in the right place at the right time. Agreement number?
50. I am having some really wonderful experiences. Agreement number?
Question: Please rate your mood at this moment compared to the beginning of this exercise?
MOOD RATING COMPARED TO THE BEGINNING:
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Your answer:

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As always, you are welcome to discuss your experience of this exercise in your online Discussion Group.