The Five Dysfunctions of a Team

Instructions: Use the scale below to indicate how each statement applies to your team. It is important to evaluate the statements honestly and without over-thinking your answers.

	5 = Usually	
	2 = Sometimes	
	1 = Rarely	
	Team members are past their discussion of issu	sionate and unguarded in
	 Team members call out cies or unproductive be 	
	3. Team members know v ing on and how they co good of the team.	what their peers are work- ontribute to the collective
		and genuinely apologize ney say or do something ly damaging to the team.
	5. Team members willingly	make sacrifices (such as t) in their departments or
,	 6. Team members openly and mistakes. 	
	7. Team meetings are com 8. Team members leave r	neetings confident that
	their peers are complete	ly committed to the de-

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	cisions that were agreed on, even if there was ini- tial disagreement.
9	. Morale is significantly affected by the failure to achieve team goals.
10	During team meetings, the most important—and difficult—issues are put on the table to be resolved.
11	 Team members are deeply concerned about the prospect of letting down their peers.
12	Team members know about one another's per- sonal lives and are comfortable discussing them.
13.	Team members end discussions with clear and specific resolutions and calls to action.
14.	Team members challenge one another about their plans and approaches.
15.	Team members are slow to seek credit for their own contributions, but quick to point out those of others.

Scoring

Combine your scores for the preceding statements as indicated below.

Dysfunction 1: Absence of Trust	Dysfunction 2: Fear of Conflict	Dysfunction 3: Lack of Commitment	Dysfunction 4: Avoidance of Accountability	Dysfunction 5: Inattention to Results
Statement 4:	Statement I:	Statement 3:	Statement 2:	Statement 5:
Statement 6:	Statement 7:	Statement 8:	Statement :	Statement 9:
Statement 12:	Statement 10:	Statement 13:	Statement 4;	Statement 15:
Total:	Total:	Total:	Total:	Total:

A score of 8 or 9 is a probable indication that the dysfunction is not a problem for your team.

A score of 6 or 7 indicates that the dysfunction could be a problem.

A score of 3 to 5 is probably an indication that the dysfunction needs to be addressed.

Regardless of your scores, it is important to keep in mind that every team needs constant work, because without it, even the best ones deviate toward dysfunction.