

## Off to work

This is a short skit in which students illustrate the importance of balancing sharpening the saw with meaningful work.

Victor: Well I guess I better hurry and get to work. My boss will be mad if I'm even a minute late.

(Victor then walks around grabs his tool belt and hard hat and goes off to work. He begins cutting an imaginary piece of wood.)

Boss: Hey Victor, How's it going?

Victor: Well boss it's going pretty good, I think I've gotten a good amount of work done.

Boss: When did you clock in?

Victor: I've been on the line since 5 Am

Boss: Have you taken your break yet?

Victor: Nope boss, I don't need a break. I just want to work and work and work so I can get it all done!!

Boss: Victor are you completely crazy?? You've been on the line working hard for the last 6 hours with absolutely no break at all??

Victor: Yep sure have!!

Boss: Victor you're not getting as much work done as you could because your saw looks completely dull!! You know every now and again we all need a break to sharpen our saw and rest up so we'll have more energy to finish the work!

Victor: Well boss I'll that advice into consideration for next time.

(Both people leave to the side)

Day 2

Victor is again at his pretend home gathering his materials to go to work.

Victor: Wow I am completely exhausted after yesterdays long day of work. But back at it I go.

(Victor goes into work and instead of working, he grabs his saw and a book and sits and reads.)

Boss: Victor what in the world are you doing?

Victor: Boss I took your advice and decided to rest up and sharpen my saw today.

Boss: But Victor how much work have you gotten done today?

Victor: Uhhhh none!!

Boss: Victor!!! You totally missed my point!!! You have to find a balance of both, if all you do is work you'll become tired and burnt out and you won't get a lot done because you'll move so slow.

Victor: Yeah I see

Boss: And also Victor you can't just sit and do nothing all day either. You can't just sharpen your saw all day because then you'll never have an opportunity to use the saw and do some work! You have to have a balance!!\

Victor: Ok boss now I get it!! Tomorrow I'll come in and work hard and take a 15 minute break to sharpen my saw, maybe I'll listen to my IPOD or read a book. Something to refresh myself and relax a little, then I'll get back to work!!

Boss: Deal!!