Normal Person

V/S

Corporate Person

“I can’t do this”

“Due to other priorities, it will be difficult for me to take up this project”

“Why am I on this call?”

“I am unable to make any meaningful contributions at the moment but I’ll be happy to jump in once I have more context”

“I have no clue what’s happening”

“Could we take a step back and reassess everything we’ve discussed so far?”

“Everyone hates me”

“It would be really helpful if you could share any feedback on my performance so I can callibrate my skills accordingly”

“I forgot to take notes from the meeting”

“I seem to be unable to access the document, does anyone have a summary they could share?”

“I am this close to a mental breakdown”

“I will be unavailable for the next hour due to a prior engagement, but I’ll catch up as soon as I’m back!”

“These calls are pointless”

“In the interest of time, let’s follow up on mail and schedule a discussion once we have something substantial”

“That is the stupidest thing I’ve ever heard”

“Why don’t we all spend some more time on it and discuss this in the next meeting?”

“My brain is broken”

“I would like to take some time to run through our discussions before progressing”