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Anxious Children and
Teens: Strategies and
Best Practices
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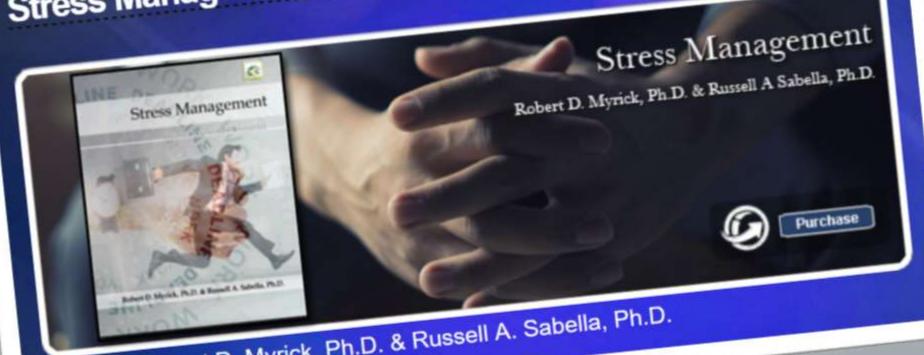








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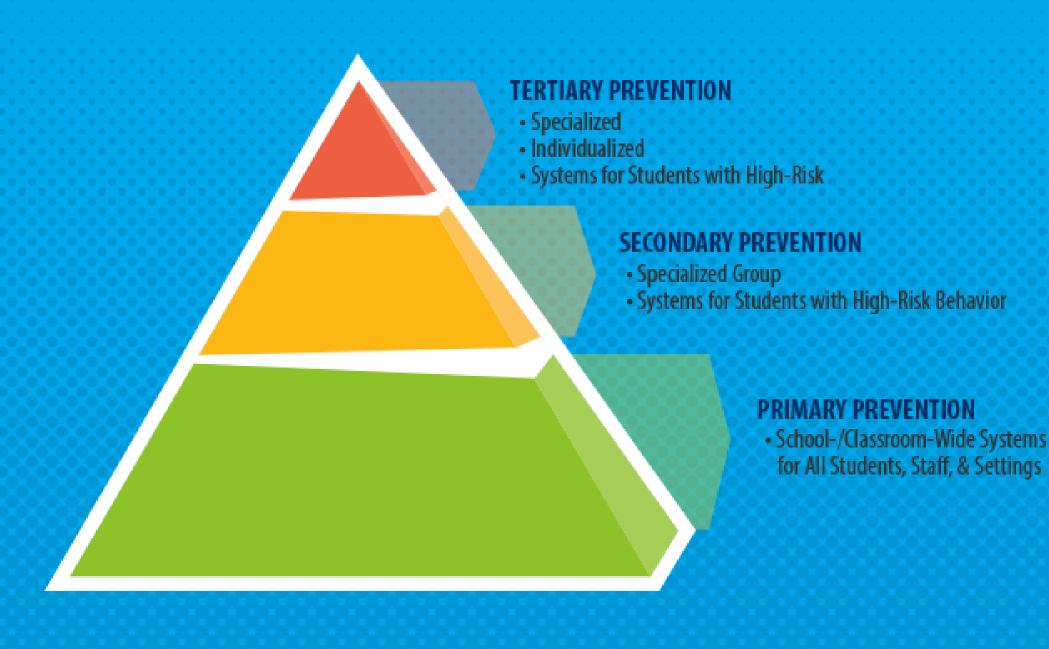
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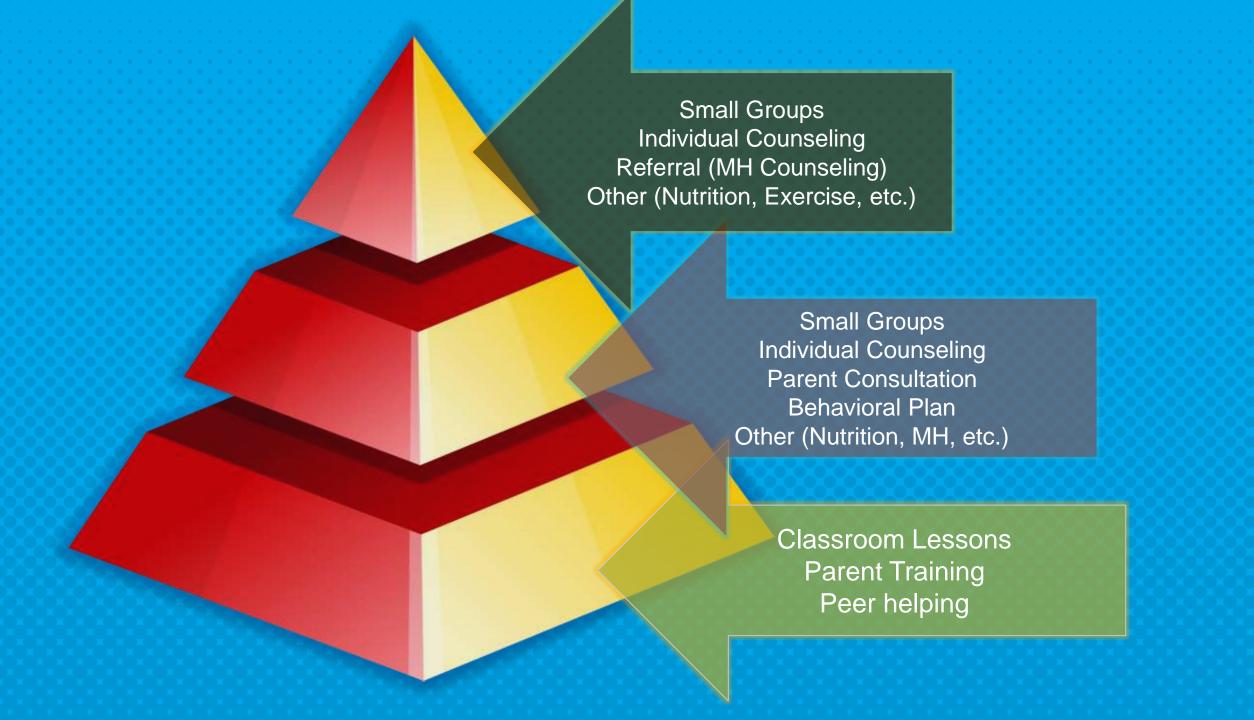






- I , Is this really a problem?
- 2 Why worry?
- 3 Multi-tiered Interventions







When ur anxiety goes away and having no anxiety gives you anxiety









Ability to Cope



### GOOD STRESS, BAD STRESS: HERE'S HOW TO FIND YOUR SWEET SPOT.

Too little stress keeps you from reaching your potential.

Too much stress can harm your health.



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# Not just high schoolers anymore: My middle school students are feeling the pressure to succeed

By Phyllis L. Fagell October 20, 2015



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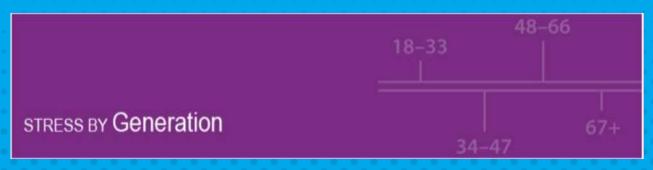
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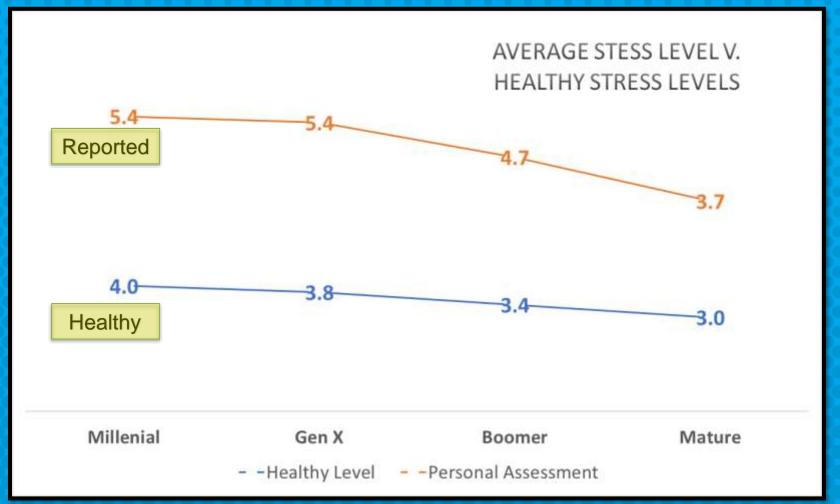
#### Stress in America™ Press Room



Since 2007, the American Psychological Association has commissioned an annual nationwide survey as part of its Mind/Body Health campaign to examine the state of stress across the country and understand its impact. The Stress in America™ survey measures attitudes and perceptions of stress among the general public and identifies leading sources of stress, common behaviors used to manage stress and the impact of stress on our lives. The results of the survey draw attention to the serious physical and emotional implications of stress and the inextricable link between the mind and body.



- Millennials (18- to 33-year-olds)
- Gen Xers (34- to 47-year-olds)
- Boomers (48- to 66-year-olds)
- Matures (67 years and older)



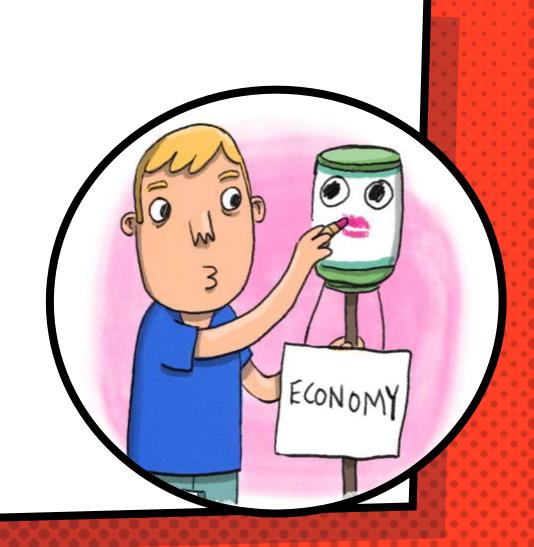


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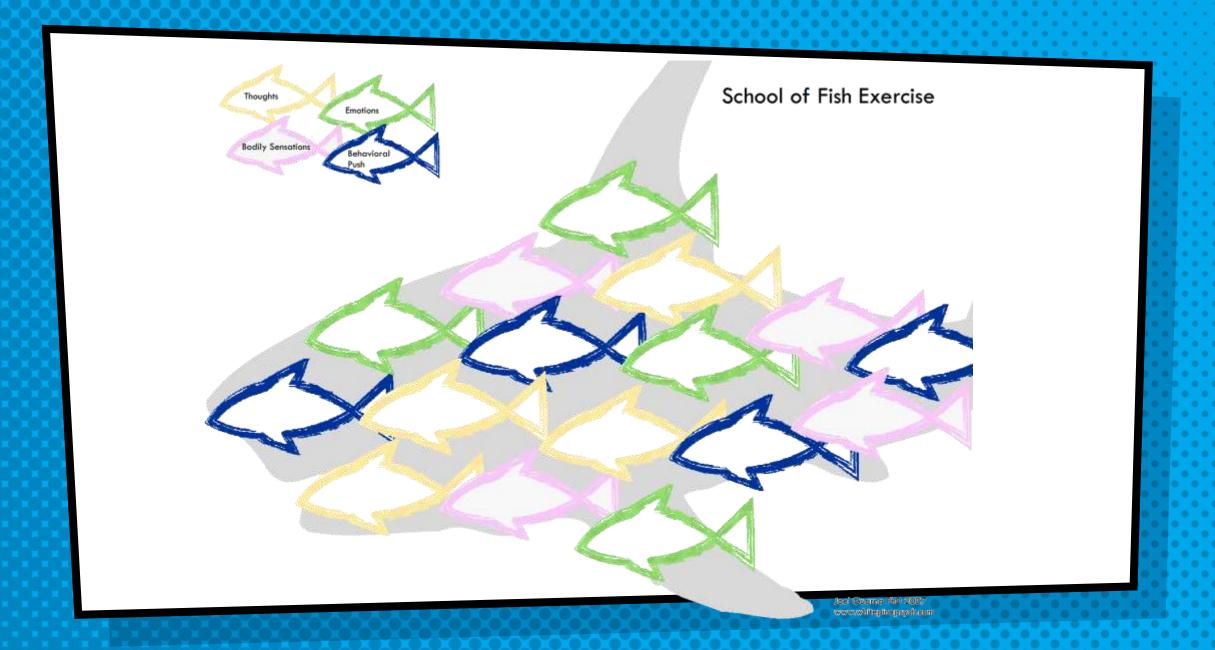


## "Reify"

Definition
of reify. reified; reifying. transitive
verb.: to consider or represent
(something abstract) as a material
or concrete thing: to give definite
content and form to (a concept or
idea)







#### FEEL Exercise

CONTEXT. Describe the situation in which you	felt the feeling, emotion, or urge:
FEELINGS. What feeling arose? What other fee	lings were mixed in with this?
THOUGHTS. What thoughts were you having?  BODY RXNS. What sensations did you have in	
BEHAVIORS #1. What did you feel pushed or pulled to do?	BEHAVIORS #2. What did you ACTUALLY do?
	Consider what it would be like to write "I rode it out until it went away on its own" in this space.

	What you had	What to do in response
Thoughts	Distracted, racy, worrying, ruminating, analyzing. Saying "I can't have this," "I can't deal with this," talking yourself into doing something else.	Notice your thoughts AS thoughts. Thank your mind (perhaps sarcastically!) for doing what it does so well. Bring your attention back to the feeling.
Bodily Sensations	Tension, tightness, changes in breathing, stomach.	Take a deep breath. Locate the tension. Lean into it.
Feelings	Notice shifting hurt or fear into anger or an impulse to fix.	Find the original feeling, have it, make room for it, breathe it in.
Behaviors	Doing restless activities, getting absorbed in some mindless activity (TV), distraction. Doing something to make the feelings go away, lessen.	Sit down, take a moment, be still, breathe, bring your mind back into the room and into the present moment, do this exercise.



Family Stress







## Career Counseling Advice in the New Economy

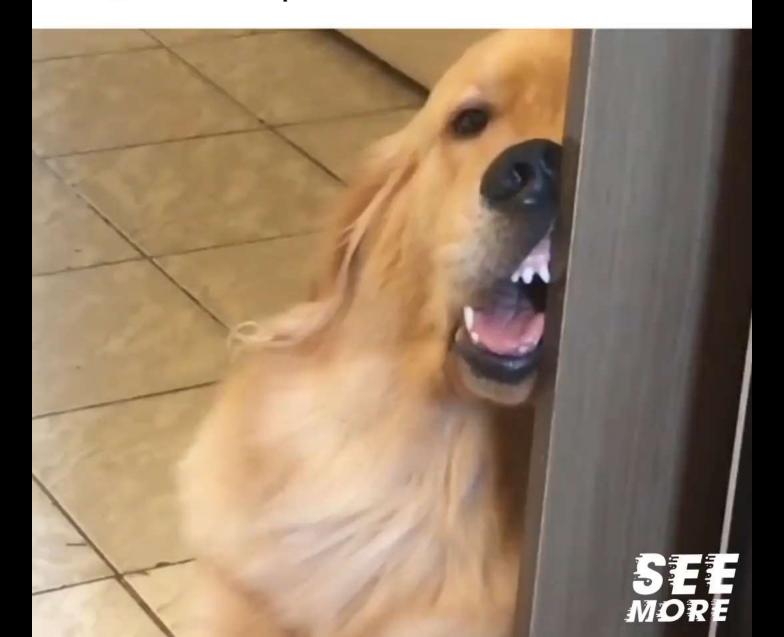
"Don't ask kids what they want to be when they grow up but what problems do they want to solve. This changes the conversation from who do I want to work for, to what do I need to learn to be able to do that."

Jaime Casap, Google Global Education Evangelist

- Colleges.
- Universities.
- Community colleges.
- Junior college.
- •Career school, technical school, or vocational / trade school.
- Public vs. Private.
- Special Interests.
- Apprenticeships



### Me at this point in the week:



## DECISION FATIGUE (EXAMPLE)









□ Fatigue
□ Decision Avoidance
□ Analysis Paralysis
□ Impulse Decision Making
□ Impaired Self-regulation

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### Ways to Avoid Decision Fatigue

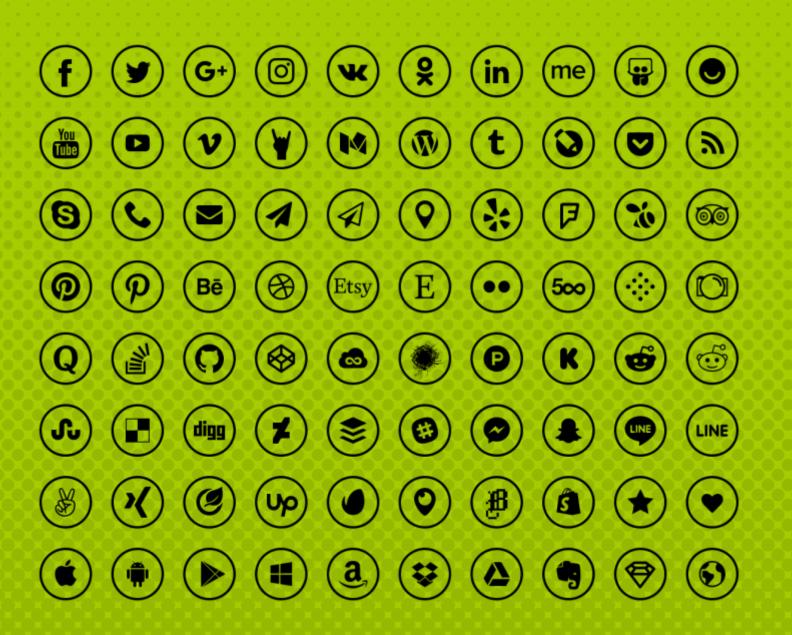
- Plan daily decisions the night before.
- Prioritize: Do the most important thing first.
- Stop making decisions.
  Start making
  commitments
  (schedule).

- If you have to make good decisions later in the day, then eat something first.
- > Simplify

Source: https://jamesclear.com/willpower-decision-fatigue

## Social Media Stress

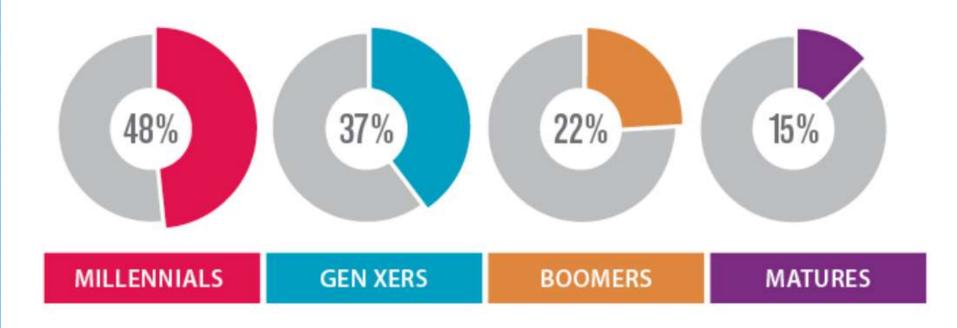






### **SOCIAL MEDIA WORRIES**

I worry about negative effects of social media on my physical and mental health (% that strongly/somewhat agree)



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Events, Goals, or Thoughts





Respond



Events, Goals, or Thoughts

Geared up, thinking about or responding to the next thing.

Geared UP

Respond



# FOMO

Fear of Missing Out





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#### **UNIVERSITY NEWS**

# PRESSURE TO BE AVAILABLE 24/7 ON SOCIAL MEDIA CAUSES TEEN ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION

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### Appendix A. The final 10-item version of the Fear of Missing Out scale (FoMOs)

Below is a collection of statements about your everyday experience. Using the scale provided please indicate how true each statement is of your general experiences. Please answer according to what really reflects your experiences rather than what you think your experiences should be. Please treat each item separately from

every other item.			Very	Extremely
Not at all true of me	Slightly true of	Moderately true of me	-6	true of me
1	me 2	3	4	5

- 1. I fear others have more rewarding experiences than me.
- 2. I fear my friends have more rewarding experiences than me.
- 3. I get worried when I find out my friends are having fun with-
- 4. I get anxious when I don't know what my friends are up to.
- 5. It is important that I understand my friends "in jokes".
- 6. Sometimes, I wonder if I spend too much time keeping up
- 7. It bothers me when I miss an opportunity to meet up with
- 8. When I have a good time it is important for me to share the details online (e.g. updating status).
- 9. When I miss out on a planned get-together it bothers me.
- 10. When I go on vacation, I continue to keep tabs on what my friends are doing.

Przybylski, A. K., Murayama, K., DeHaan, C. R., & Gladwell, V. (2013). Motivational, emotional, and behavioral correlates of fear of missing out. Computers in Human Behavior, 29(4), 1841-1848.

- FoMO was negatively associated with both general mood and overall life satisfaction.
- Negative social and emotional states such as boredom and loneliness linked to social media usage also relate to FoMO
- Those high in FoMO were more likely to give into the temptation of composing and checking text messages and emails while operating motor vehicles.

# Technology "Addiction?"



"Everyone I know is in great relationships, taking 5-star vacations and living my dream life."







# Expectations vs. Reality

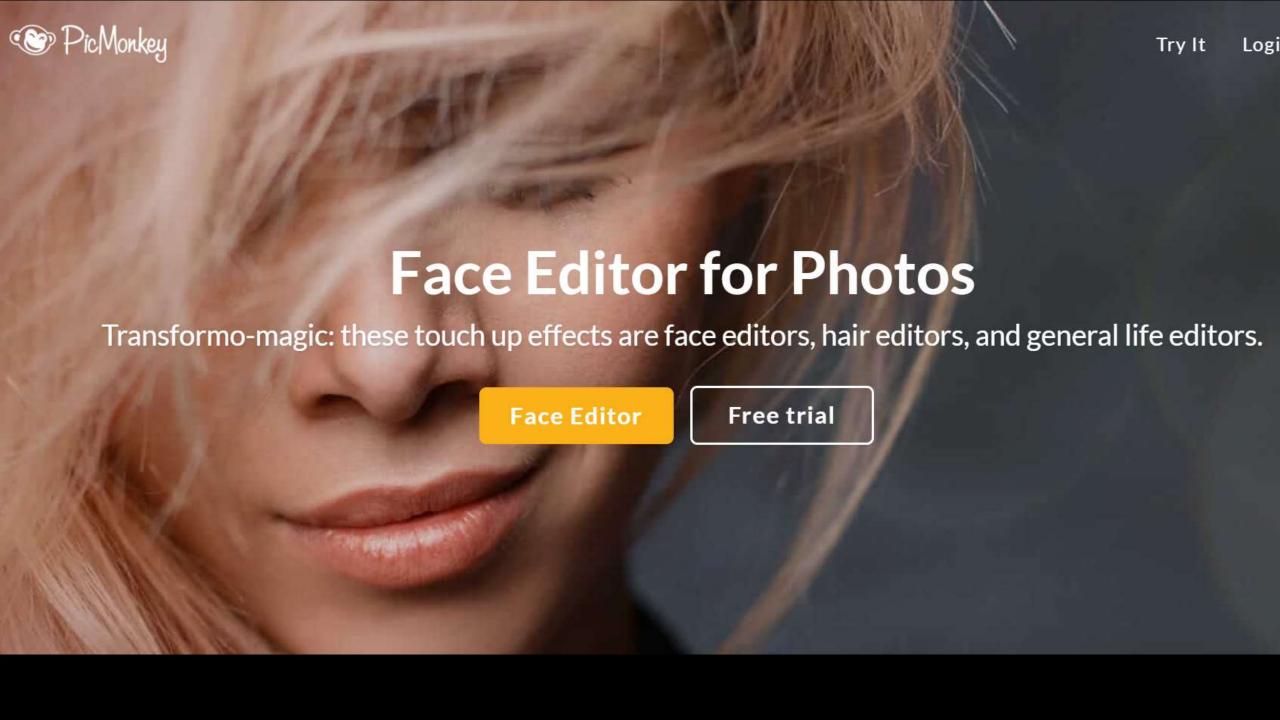


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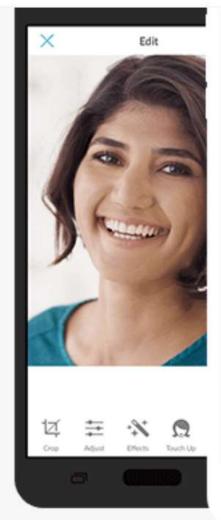














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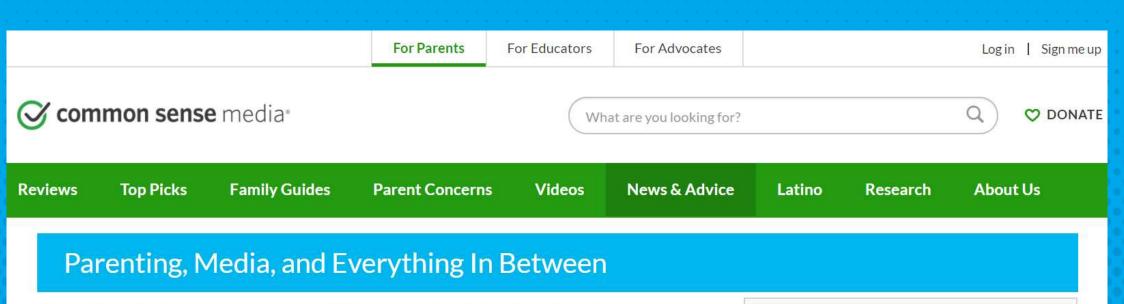


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#### Practical Tips for Easing Kids' Social Media Anxiety

Fear of missing out can make social media-using teens feel stressed. Here's how you can help. By Sierra Filucci 3/15/2016

Topics: Facebook, Instagram, and Social

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Teens text, tweet, snap, and post like crazy. In fact, about half of teens use social media every day, and for some, this means checking Instagram or Snapchat dozens (or hundreds!) of times a day. While many teens find connecting with friends online a positive experience, some just feel stressed out. This



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#### **#BeStrong anti-bullying emojis**



for iOS

Want to take a stand to show you are against (cyber)bullying? Offer support and friendship with these Be Strong emojis & stickers. These emojis were chosen by almost 5,000 young people around the world, who identified with them as symbols of compassion and solidarity.

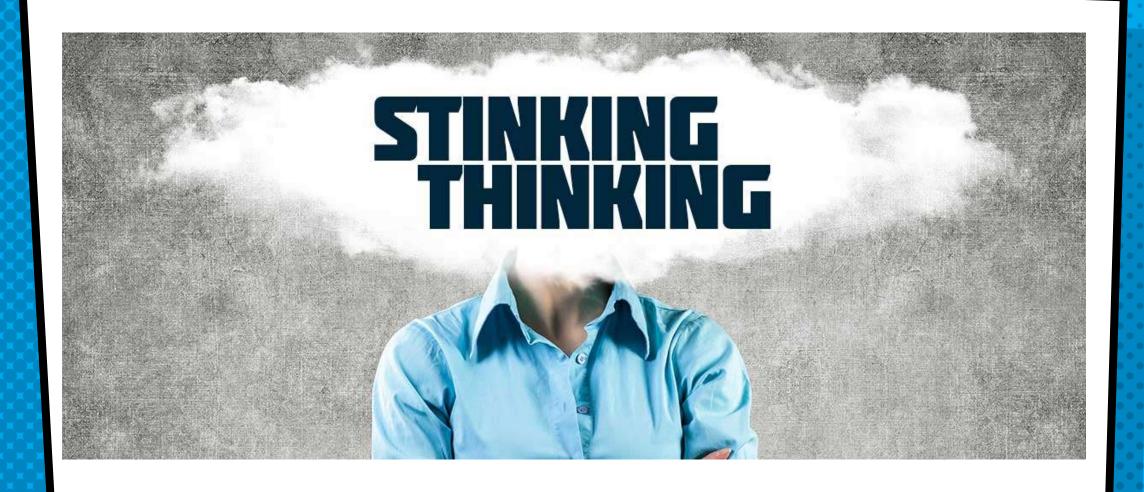
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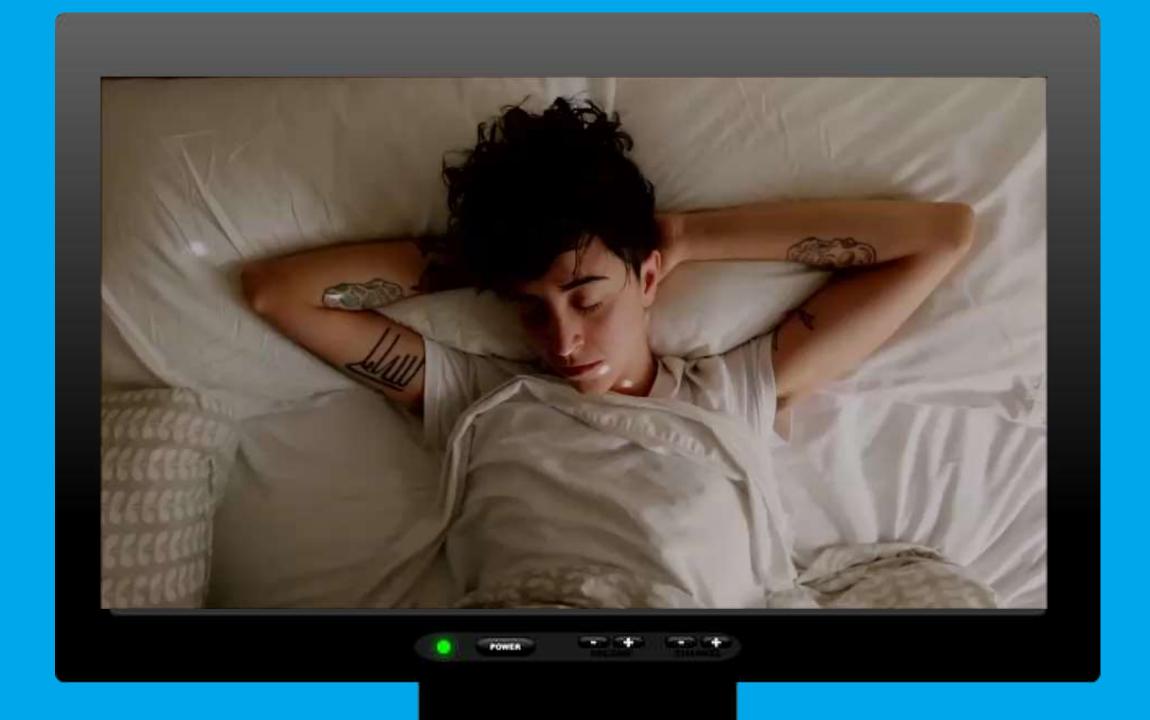
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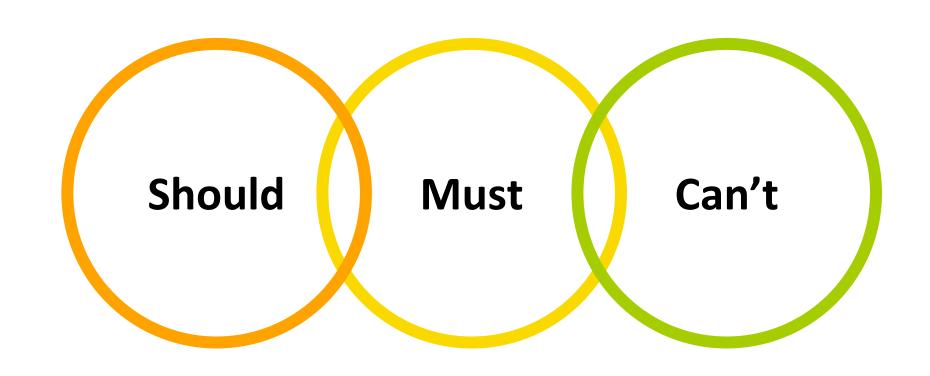
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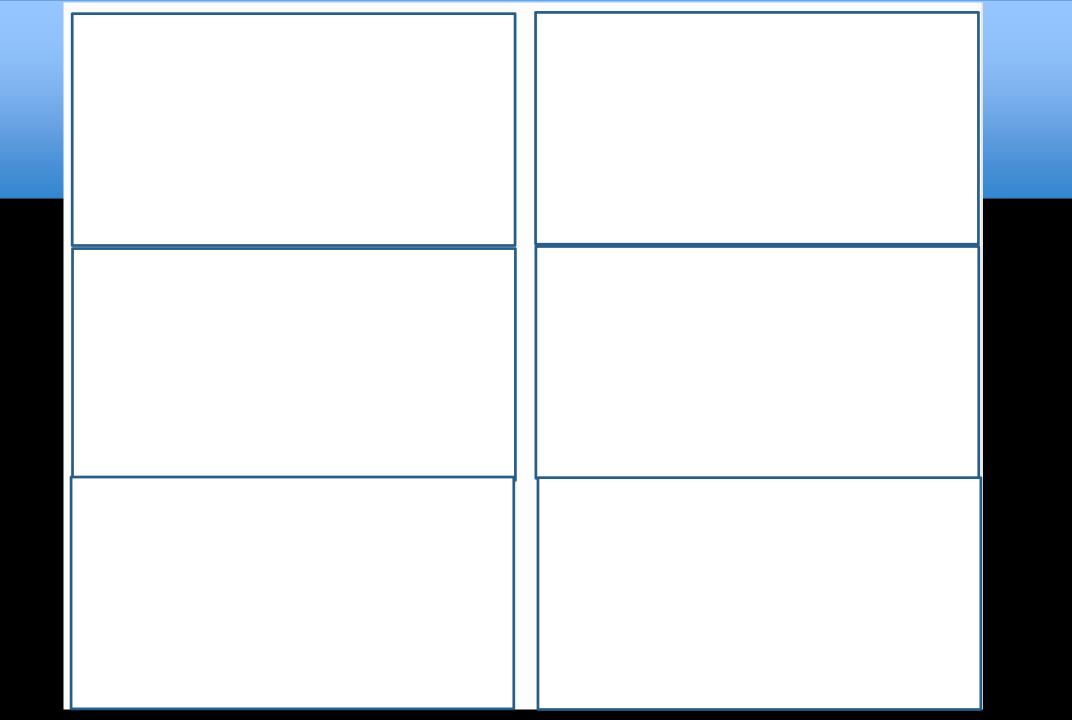






# Irrational, illogical, unrealistic ...







Sometimes called 'black and white thinking'

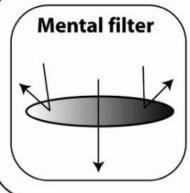
If I'm not perfect I have failed

Either I do it right or not at all



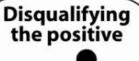
"everything is always rubbish"

"**nothing** good **ever** happens" Seeing a pattern based upon a single event, or being overly broad in the conclusions we draw



Only paying attention to certain types of evidence.

Noticing our failures but not seeing our successes





Discounting the good things that have happened or that you have done for some reason or another

That doesn't count

#### Jumping to conclusions

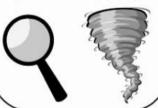


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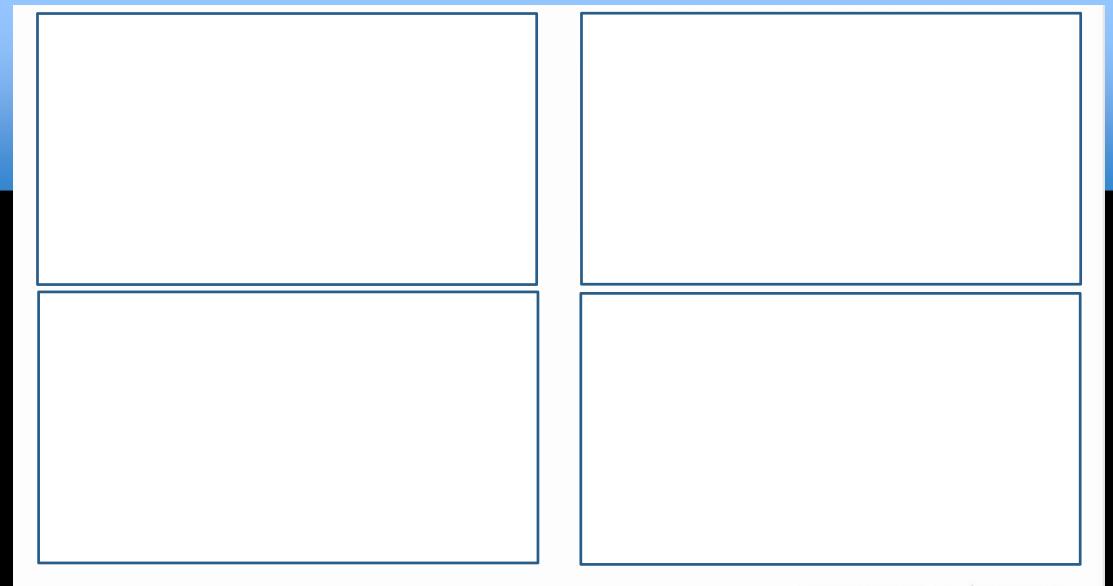
There are two key types of jumping to conclusions:

- Mind reading (imagining we know what others are thinking)
- Fortune telling (predicting the future)

## Magnification (catastrophising) & minimisation



Blowing things out of proportion (catastrophising), or inappropriately shrinking something to make it seem less important





Assuming that because we feel a certain way what we think must be true.

I feel embarrassed so I must be an idiot



Using critical words like 'should', 'must', or 'ought' can make us feel guilty, or like we have already failed

If we apply 'shoulds' to other people the result is often frustration



Assigning labels to oursleves or other people

I'm a loser I'm completely useless They're such an idiot Personalisation

"this is my fault" Blaming yourself or taking responsibility for something that wasn't completely your fault. Conversely, blaming other people for something that was your fault.

### Example A-B-C

- ➤A-Antecedent
  New car gets scratched
- ➤ B-Belief

The car is horrible, and unusable and awful. Whoever did this is horrible. This must not happen to me. The world is unfair and nogood.

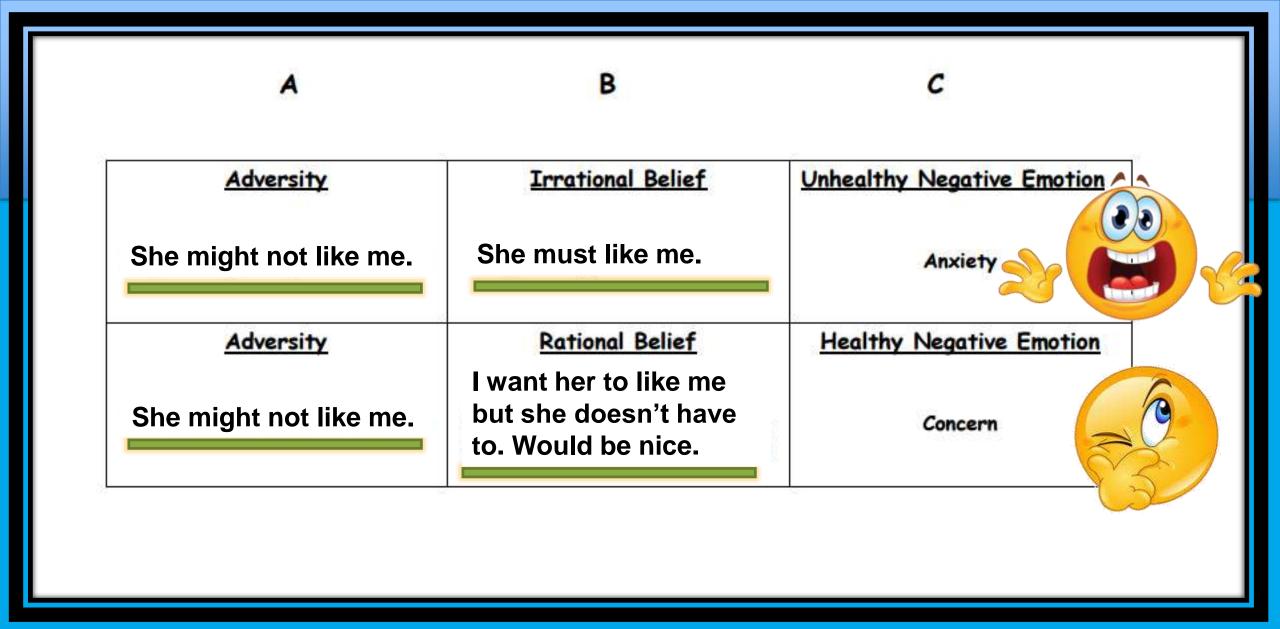
C-consequence
Owner feels frustrated, angry, unworthy, anxious, and revengeful.

### Example A-B-C

- ➤A-Antecedent
  New car gets scratched
- **≻**B-Belief

Well I had a good run, can't be new forever. Unfortunate. Not helpful to be upset over material things. Maybe it was an accident and the person left scared. These things happen to lots of people every day. It is not a catastrophe. I can deal with it.

C-consequenceOwner feels disappointed and sad.



Demand:

I must be approved by my girlfriend's parents

Awfulising belief:

LFT belief:

Self-depreciation

belief:

Demand: I must be approved by my girlfriend's parents

Awfulising belief: It would be awful if I were not approved by my girlfriend's parents

LFT belief: I couldn't stand it if I were not approved by my

girlfriend's parents

Self-depreciation

belief: If I am not approved by my girlfriend's parents, it means that I

am an unworthy person

The components of the client's rational belief are as follows: Preference: Anti-awfulising belief: HFT belief: Self-acceptance belief:

The components of the client's rational belief are as follows:

Preference: I would like to be approved by my girlfriend's parents, but this is

not essential

Anti-awfulising

belief:

belief: It would be bad if I were not approved by my girlfriend's parents,

but it would not be awful

HFT belief: It would be difficult for me to tolerate not being approved by my

girlfriend's parents, but I could stand it

Self-acceptance If I am not approved by my girlfriend's parents, it does not

mean that I am unworthy person. It means that I am a fallible

human being who is facing a difficult situation.

A	В	C	D	E
• Externa al	Awfulizing: situation is more than 100% bad.     I-can't-stand-it-itis: cannot envision enduring the situation.     Damnation: excessively critical of self/others.     Always/Never thinking: too absolute.     Musts     ands on self     about     demands about the world	CONS NCE Wap inapprop consequ	DISPUTING IRRATIONAL THOUGHTS  Interrogation Socratic questioning Didactic influence Humorous exaggeration Self-disclosing	NEW EMOTION (AND THOUGHTS)  Moderation of badness Statements of toleration Acceptance of fallibility Flexibility

ACTIVATING EVENT  • External or Internal	Awfuli on is bad.     I-can't-cannot during the situa     Damnati vely critical of     Always/Ne too absolute     Musts     demands on se.     demands about ot.     demands about the world	CONS NCE Want inapprop conseque	DISPUTING IRRATIONAL THOUGHTS  Interrogation Socratic questioning Didactic influence Humorous exaggeration Self-disclosing	NEW EMOTION (AND THOUGHTS)  Moderation of badness  Statements of toleration Acceptance of fallibility Flexibility
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Irrational Beliefs	Disputing Beliefs
Use these categories:	Write a question for each belief.
<ul> <li>DOGMATIC DEMANDS</li> </ul>	Examples:
(musts, absolutes, shoulds)	• Where is holding this belief getting me?
AWFULIZING  (It's to milds a suffit hamilds)	Is it helpful or self-defeating?  Is my belief logical?
(It's terrible, awful, horrible)  LOW FRUSTRATION TOLERANCE	Is my benef togical?     Is it truly awful?
(I can't stand it)	Can I really not stand it?
<ul> <li>SELF/OTHER RATING</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Is there evidence that supports my irrational</li> </ul>
(I'm/he/she is bad, worthless)	belief? Is it consistent with reality?
Consequences: Major unhealthy emotions:	Major self-defeating behaviors:
Consequences:	Major self-defeating behaviors:
Consequences: Major unhealthy emotions:  Unhealthy negative emotions include: Anxiety,	Major self-defeating behaviors:

FIGURE 1. Adapted from REBT self-help form. In Ellis, A. (1997). How to control your anger before it controls you. New York: Kensington Publishing Corp, 154-155.

Detect

Discriminate

Rational,
reasonable,
logical?



Debate/ Dispute

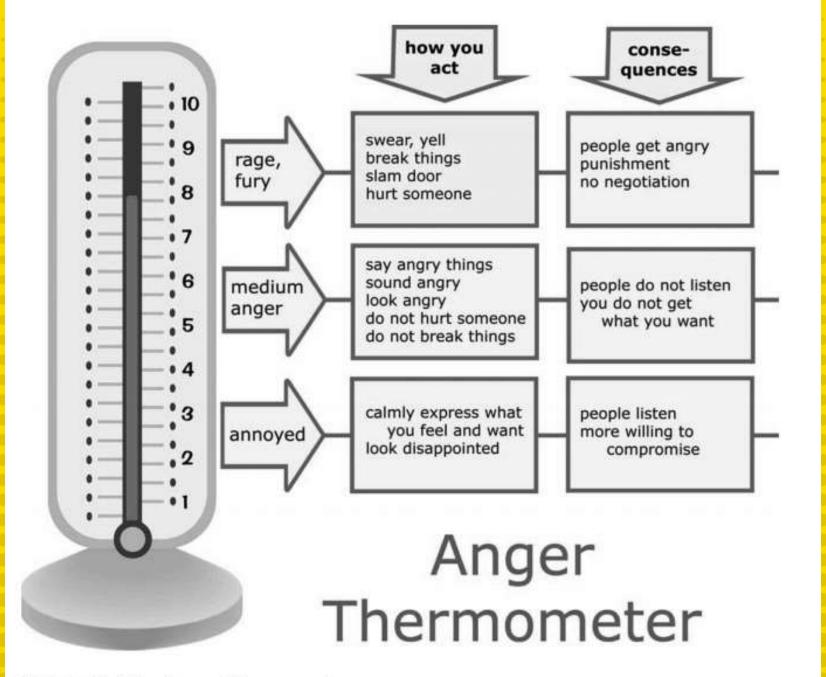
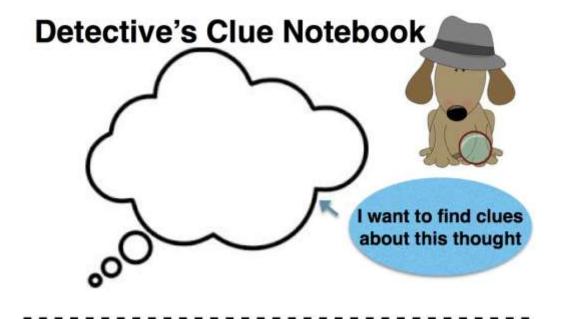


FIGURE 2. The Anger Thermometer

# Catastrophe Scale Measures how bad things really are 10 The Worst Thing in the World Very Bad Bad A Little Bit Bad Not Bad How Bad Is It?



Clues I found that my thought is totally true:

Clues I found that my thought is not totally true:







# DEVELOPING A GROWTH MINDSET

DEVELOPING A	TUNKING
INSTEAD OF	TRY THINKING What am I missing?
I'm not good at this	different strates
I give up	i really my best we
It's good enough	always IIIIpi
I can't make this any better	This may take some time  Mistakes help me to learn
This is too man	to train in w
I made a mistake  I just can't do this	I am going to training to this I will learn how to do this
I'll never be that smart	Thora's always Flant
Plan A didn't work	I will learn from them
My friend can do it	I WIII ICC

# Journaling Prompts

- ✓ List all the things that make you happy.
- ✓ When times get tough I want to remember that
- ✓ My greatest qualities are
- ✓ The best compliment I have ever received is

- √ 10 things I feel thankful for are

  .
- ✓ Describe a situation where everything worked out for you
- ✓ Write a thank you letter to your body
- ✓ Ten things I can start doing to take care of myself are ...?

# 20 Self-Love Affirmations

- 1. I believe in me.
- I acknowledge my own self-worth; my confidence is soaring.
- 3. I am not my mistakes.
- 4. I accept myself unconditionally.
- I am proud of myself and all that I have accomplished.
- 6. I am successful.
- 7. I am a beautiful person.
- 8. I deserve love, compassion, and empathy.
- 9. I am enough.
- I believe in the person I dream of becoming.

- 11. I choose to be happy and completely love myself today.
- 12. I honor my commitments to myself.
- 13. I choose faith over fear.
- 14. There is no wrong decision.
- 15. I am now creating my live exactly as I want it.
- 16. Positivity is a choice; I choose to be positive.
- 17. I am free of worry and am at peace with who I am.
- 18. I matter. I am allowed to say "no" to others and "yes to myself.
- 19. What I give is what I receive.
- 20. I choose to not take it personally.

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#### Affirmations for High Self-Esteem and Self-Confidence

I love myself for who I am.

I totally trust myself.

I grow in strength with every forward step I take.

I can do anything I set my mind to do.

I am capable and strong.

I am able to easily handle any problem I face.

When I breathe, I inhale confidence and exhale fear.

Fear is only a feeling. I can act in the face of fear.

I release my hesitation and make room for victory.

I love meeting strangers and I approach them with boldness and enthusiasm.

I approve of myself and unconditionally deeply love myself.

I live in the present and am confident of the future.

My personality exudes confidence. I am bold and outgoing.





# 100 POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS TO CARRY YOU THROUGH LIFE







#### **Top 100 List of Positive Affirmations**

For the full, detailed guide, please visit:

http://startofhappiness.com/positive-affirmations

#### 3 Simple Steps to Saying Positive Affirmations

- 1. Take a deep breath
- 2. Say your positive affirmation. As you're saying the positive affirmation, ALSO do the below
  - a. VISUALISE yourself as how you want to be (eg confident. Create vivid imagery in your mind about what you are confident doing). If it's easier, close your eyes.
  - b. FEEL how you want to feel by stating that positive affirmation (eg confident).
  - c. SPEAK how you would when living that affirmation (eg confident)
- 3. Take a moment to think about how good you feel.

That's it!

Positive affirmations are simple!

But just remember the two secret components to make them effective:

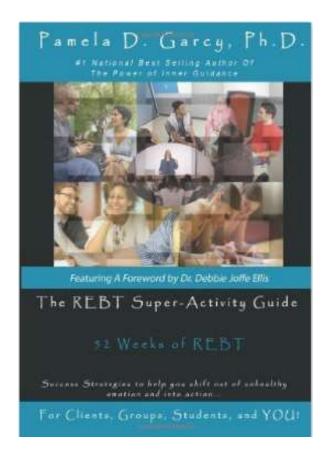
- a. Physiologically experience the positive affirmation
- b. Do it regularly

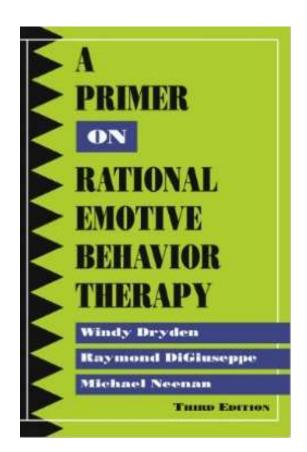
#### The Best Positive Affirmations For Your Life

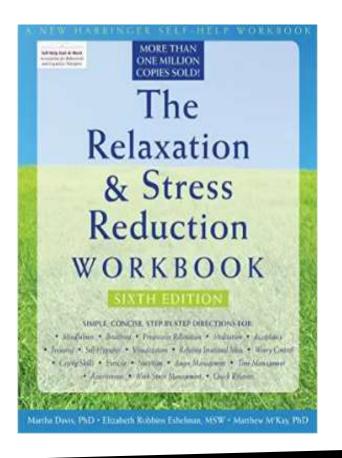
In the following pages, I have compiled the Top 100 Positive Affirmations you will need in your life.



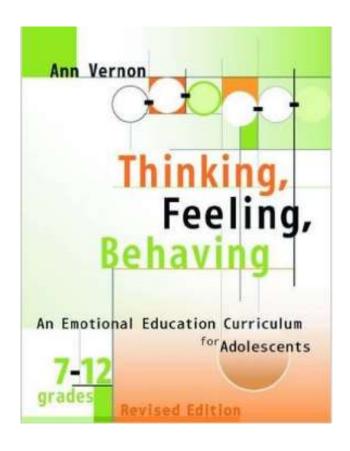
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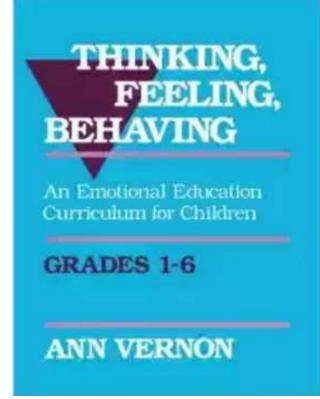


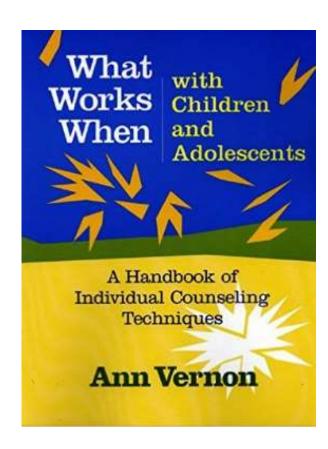


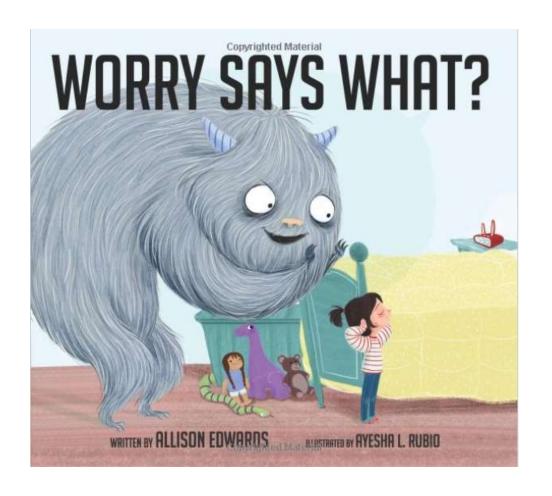


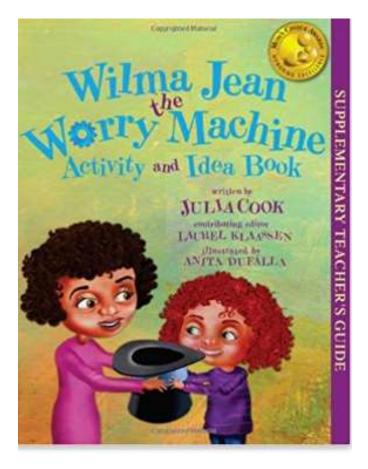
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## Rational

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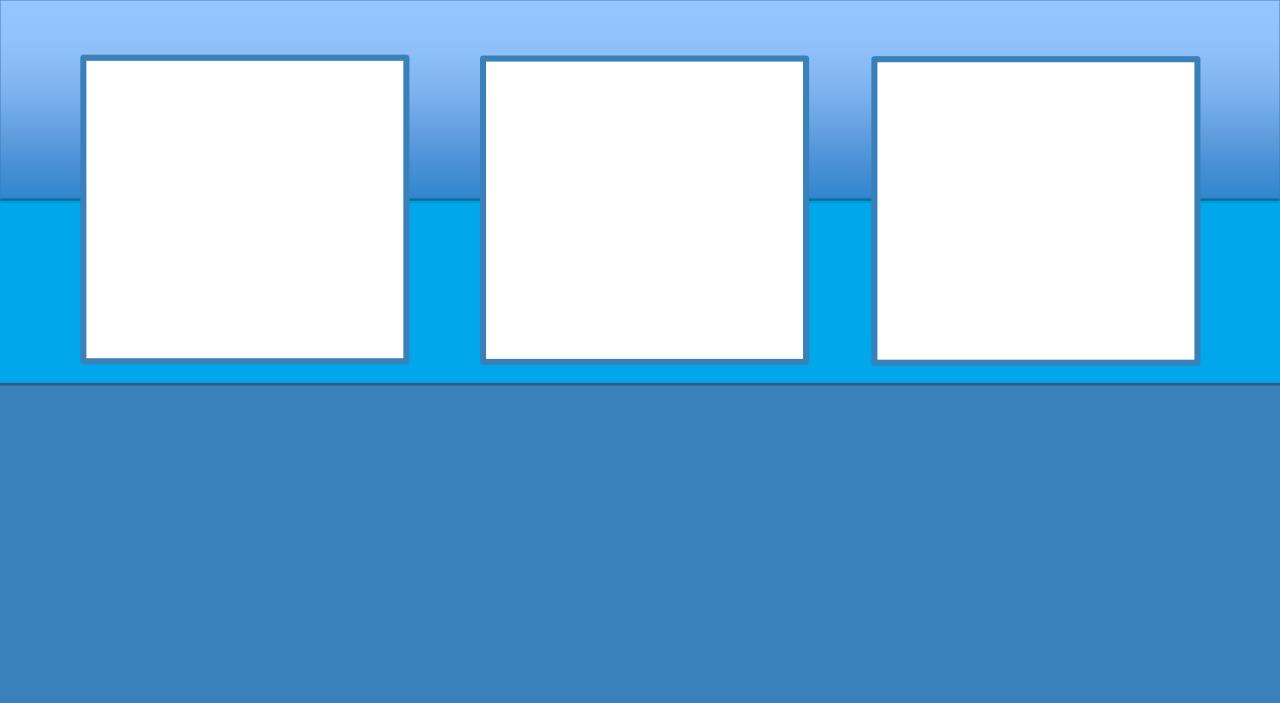


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# ABC's

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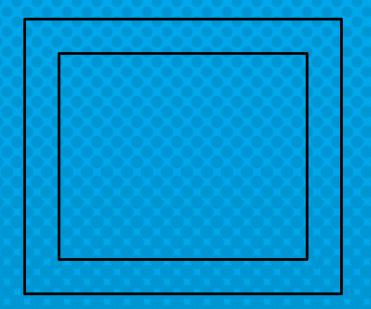
What happens before the behavior occurs, but is not necessarily a cause. Helps predict behavior so that intervention can take place.

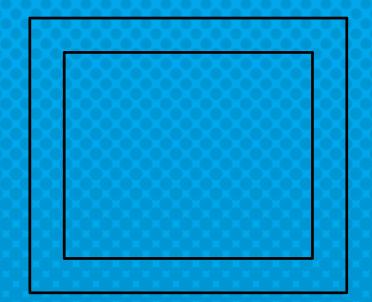
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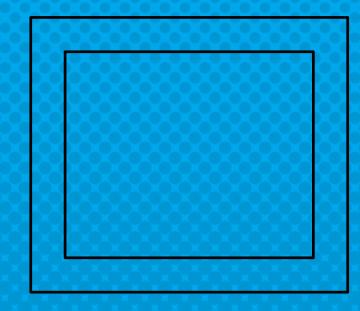
The problem that is occurring which must be described observably and in measurable terms.

#### Consequence:

What occurs after the behavior whether it is positive or negative.







# Biofeedback





### Relaxation Techniques

#### Relax, it's important!

Your body can respond to worrying situations and anxious thoughts with muscle tension. Long-term and constant muscle tension can have all sorts of unpleasant consequences, from crankiness and headaches through to sleeping and heart problems. So, learning relaxation techniques can be a real asset in managing stress and anxiety. They don't take long!

Different relaxation techniques work better for different people. Don't be afraid to try all of them to see which ones appeal to you most.

#### **Deep Breathing**

Sit with your legs uncrossed, good posture, and place your hands on your thighs. Close your eyes. Inhale deeply through your nose into your abdomen for a long count of five seconds (your chest should move only a little). Hold for a long count of two seconds, then breathe out slowly through your mouth for a long count of five. Repeat for 10 to 15 cycles. Stop briefly if you feel light-headed.

#### **Progressive Muscle Relaxation**

Loosen any tight clothing, sit or lie comfortably, and close your eyes. Tense different muscles of your body as much as you can for at least a count of 10 (never so tight or long that it hurts!). Then, slowly release the tension and allow the muscle to relax. Let that feeling of relaxation flow through your body. Start at your feet and move up.

#### Creative Visualisation

This is a technique where you imagine a scene, place or situation you regard as safe, restful, and happy. Sit comfortably in a quiet place. Breathe gently through your nose, eyes closed. Picture in your mind the place you like — a forest, the beach, a field. Try and smell the aromas, taste the air, hear the sounds. Feel your body relax. Continue for at least 10 minutes.

#### Meditation

Sit comfortably in a quiet spot. Close your eyes if you like. Breathe in through your nose. As you exhale, say the word 'One' silently to yourself. You might like to focus on the sound you make exhaling (like the Sanskrit word 'Om'). Or, if your eyes are open, focus on an object, exploring its colours and textures. Spend at least 10 minutes meditating, but stay focused.

#### Mandala Circles

This is a drawing technique to calm the mind. Bring a pencil/s and paper to a quiet place. Draw a large circle. Now, be prepared to keep drawing for at least 10 minutes. Start filling the circle with whatever you like — spirals, patterns, running-writing — but don't let the pencil leave the paper unless you're changing colours.

#### Yoga

Yoga comes from a Sanskrit word meaning 'to unite'; it is a series of mental and physical exercises. While yoga has strong connections with religions like Buddhism and Sufism, its exercises are a great way to improve health, and can be done by anyone of any age and fitness. We recommend you start at classes conducted by a registered instructor.

#### Exercise can help 'bust' stress and keep you feeling well

Regular exercise (20–30 minutes a day) is extremely important for staying healthy and releasing tension. Most exercises are very cheap or free. Group sports are fun, but individual activities like walking, running, swimming and cycling are also very good for clearing the mind and releasing physical tension. The important thing is not to overdo it and injure yourself.

#### **Schedule Pleasant Activities**

It is admirable to study and work hard. However, each of us needs to have some time away from study and work. Unfortunately, the fun stuff is often what gets neglected when things become hectic. That means it's important to schedule in things you enjoy doing, like seeing friends, going to the movies, or heading to the beach. Fun isn't just enjoyable, it's part of keeping well!

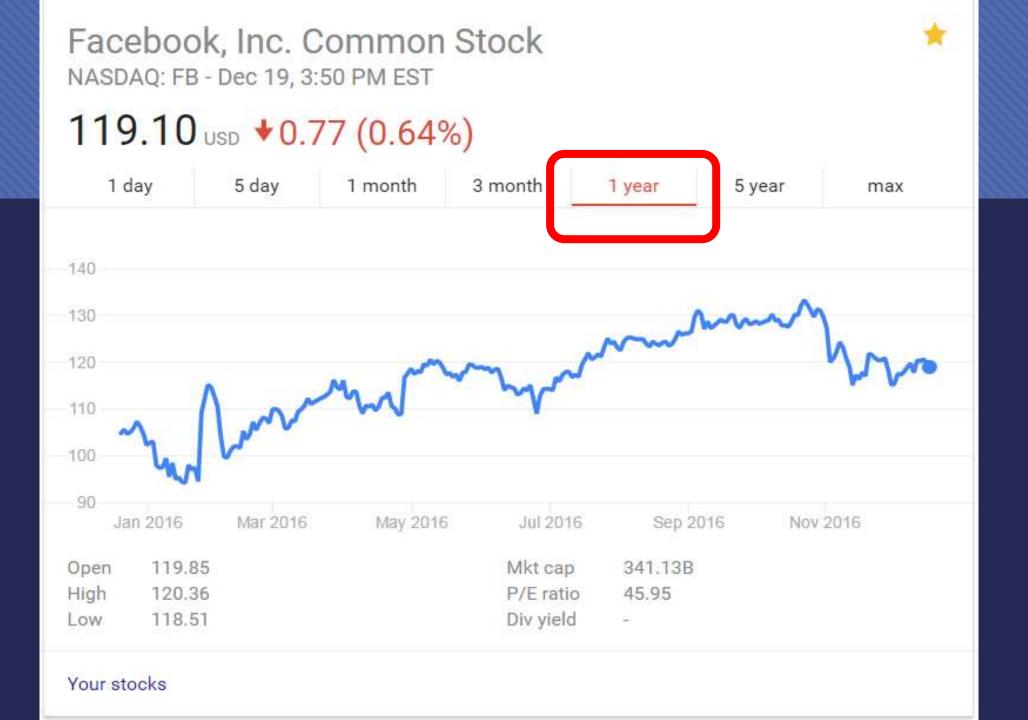
#### Helpful Self-talk

Your inner voice can help you relax and cope with difficult situations. Encouraging yourself can be just as important — and often even more important — as having others encourage you. Practise saying helpful things to yourself like, 'It might be tough but I can have a go', and 'If I take this calmly I can do it one step at a time'. Always challenge unhelpful self-talk.



# General Assumptions

People are kind of like the stock market, they fluctuate.









# General Assumptions

O You get more of what you focus on.







Problem focus Solution focus

Individual as problem Individual as whole

What is not working What works

Analysing past Focusing on preferred

future

Stuckness Movement

Failures Successes

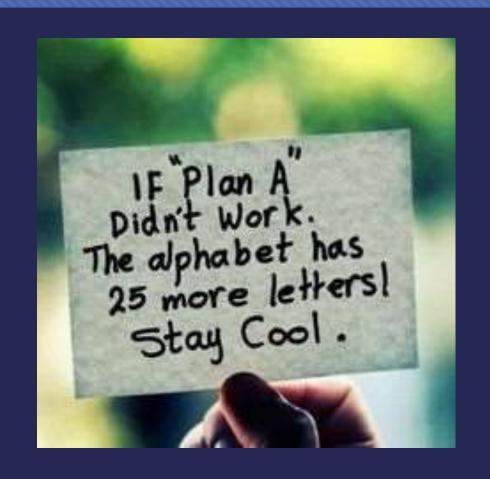
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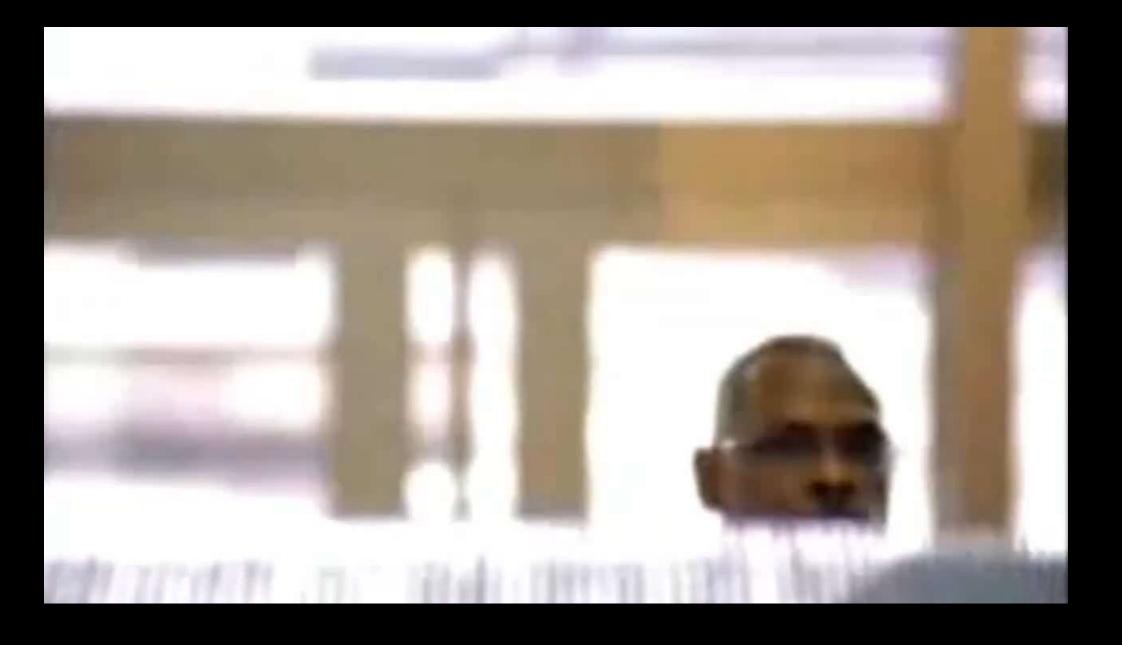
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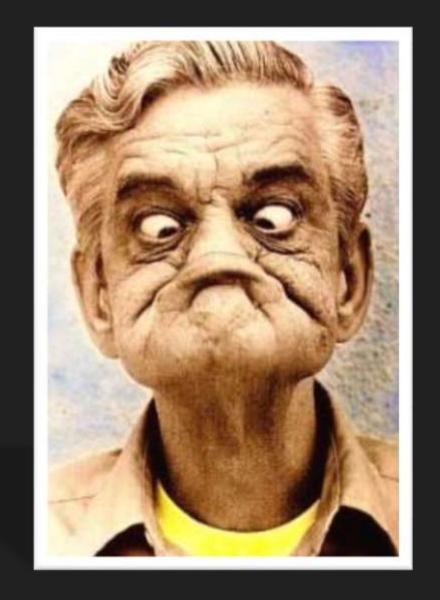
If what you are doing is not working, need to do something different.





There is nothing wrong with you that what is right with you can't fix.

Baruch Sharen



# Traditional Problem Talk

- What is stressing you out?
- How long have you been stressing like this?
- How do you explain this problem is occurring?
- How is your stress a problem for others?
- What keeps this problem going ...?

# Solution Talk ...

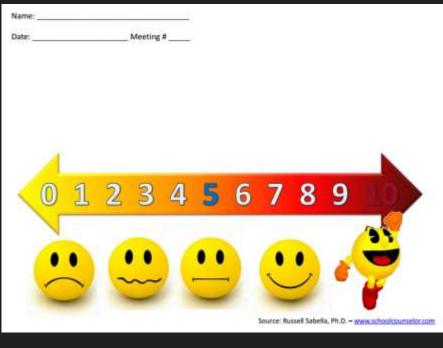
- O When is it that this problem is occurring less? That is, how is it that sometimes you are more relaxed?
- O How are you able to be more relaxed sometimes?
- O How is your work better when you are more relaxed?
- O Who notices when you are more relaxed? What do they see you doing?
- O What difference does it make to you on your better days?

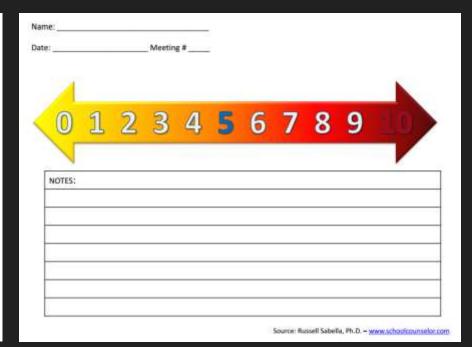




# Scaling

- 1. Explain the scale
- 2. Pick a number (general)
- Explore progress already made: Cheerlead, detail, mind map, amplify, mine field
- 4. Explore future progress
  - Detailed
  - 2. In their control
  - 3. In the presence of an action/thought





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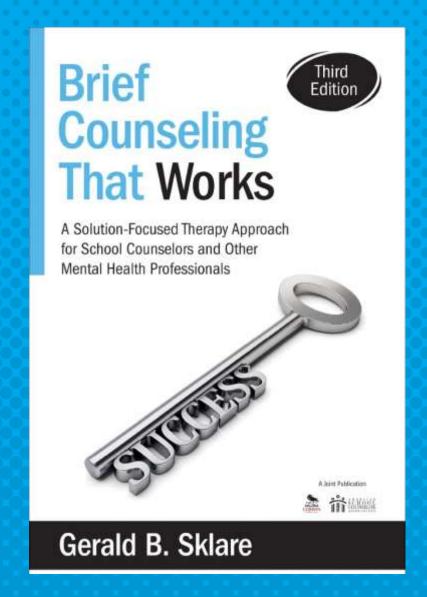
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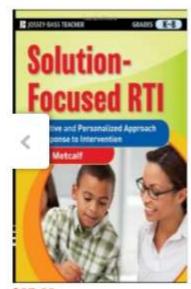


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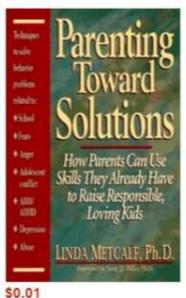


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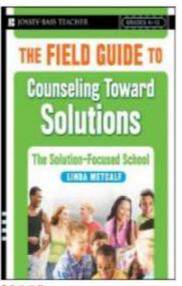




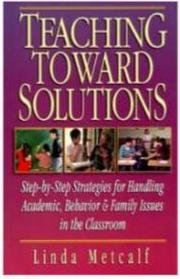
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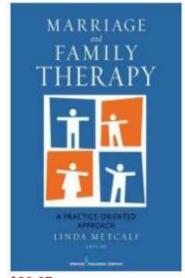
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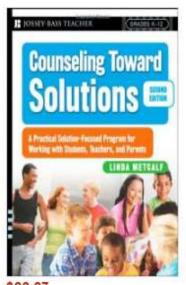
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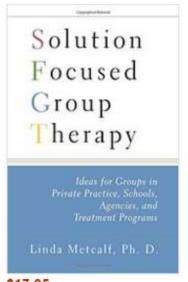
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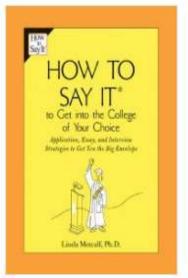
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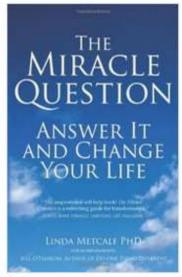
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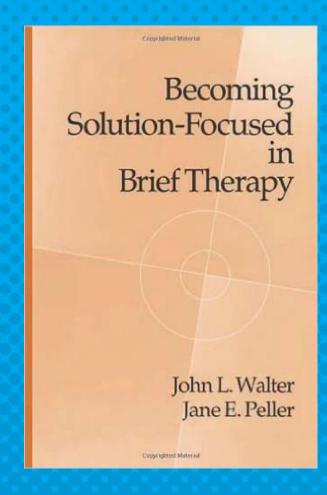


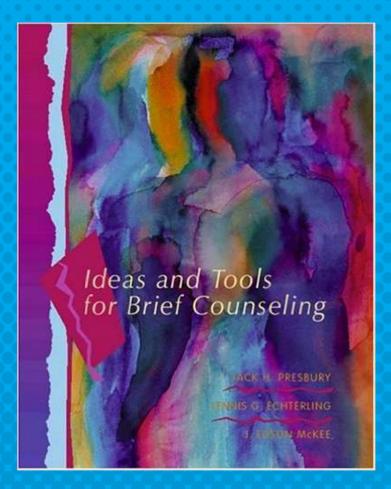
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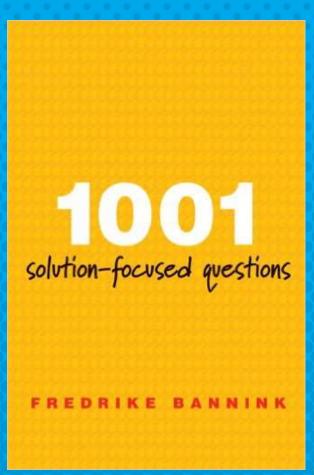
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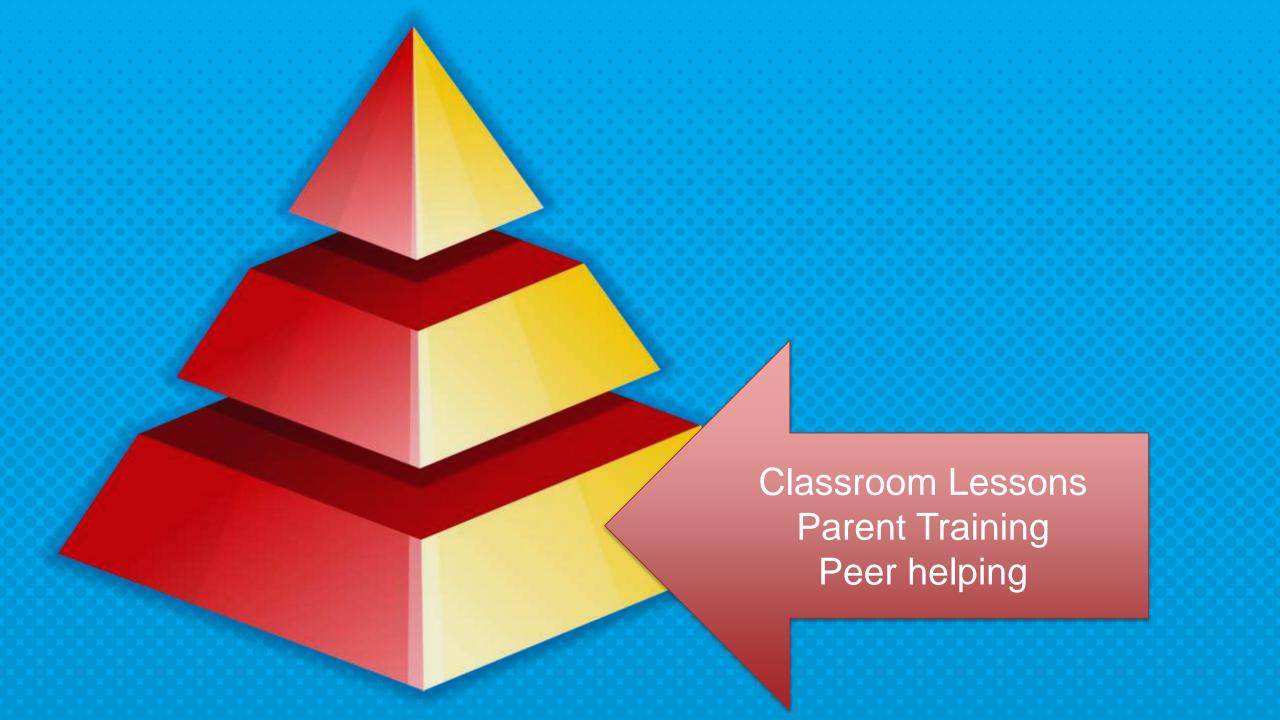
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### The Holmes and Rahe Stress Scale

**Understanding the Impact of Long-Term Stress** 

People use the word "stress" to describe a wide variety of situations – from your cell phone ringing while you're talking on another phone – to the feelings associated with intense work overload, or the death of a lovedone.



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Do you need to take a step back?

### PERCEIVED STRESS SCALE

The questions in this scale ask you about your feelings and thoughts during the last month.

In each case, you will be asked to indicate by circling how often you felt or thought a certain way.

Name Date _					
Age Gender ( <i>Circle</i> ): <b>M F</b> Other					
0 = Never 1 = Almost Never 2 = Sometimes 3 = Fairly Often	4 = Ve	ry O	ften		
1. In the last month, how often have you been upset because of something that happened unexpectedly?	0	1	2	3	4
2. In the last month, how often have you felt that you were unable to control the important things in your life?	0	1	2	3	4
3. In the last month, how often have you felt nervous and "stressed"?	0	1	2	3	4
4. In the last month, how often have you felt confident about your ability to handle your personal problems?	0	1	2	3	4
5. In the last month, how often have you felt that things were going your way?	0	1	2	3	4
6. In the last month, how often have you found that you could not cope with all the things that you had to do?	0	1	2	3	4
7. In the last month, how often have you been able to control irritations in your life?	0	1	2	3	4
8. In the last month, how often have you felt that you were on top of things?	0	1	2	3	4
9. In the last month, how often have you been angered because of things that were outside of your control?	0	1	2	3	4
10. In the last month, how often have you felt difficulties were piling up so high that you could not overcome them?	0	1	2	3	4

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# Physical Activity

# YOUR PROCRASTINATION RATING

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	_ 11. If you leave productions in advance.
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	12. I schedule my work time in advance.
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# PROCRASTINATION RATING KEY

Give yourself 1 point for every TRUE answer in numbers 1-11 and 16-20.

Give yourself 1 point for every FALSE answer in numbers 12-15.

TOTAL \_\_\_\_

You are organized and probably get things done on time. Interpretation 0-5

You procrastinate a little, but manage. 6-10

You procrastinate more than not, may miss deadlines, rush to finish.

You are a real procrastinator, and gave trouble finishing anything!!! 11-15 16-20

SHAME!!, SHAME!!!

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Paint	Use a Stress Ball	Talk with Friends	Good Night Sleep	Sing
Random Act of Kindness	Watch a Funny Movie	Laugh	Take a Walk	Play a Sport
Drink Water	Healthy Diet	FREE	Time Manage	Make a Music Playlist
Set a Goal	Enjoy Nature	Read a Book	Journal	Play a Game
Take 10 Deep Breaths	Draw	Music	Music	Do Yoga

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### What is Mindfulness?

Mindfulness is a research-based tool that starts with purposefully bringing focus to thoughts, emotions, physical feelings, and environment, with kindness and without judgment. Mindfulness exercises can be integrated into the school day to increase personal wellness and positive feelings, reduce reactivity and negativity, and improve overall classroom culture.

Learning to pause during the day allows for automatic, conditioned patterns to be broken, setting the stage for increased self-awareness, a requirement for self-regulation and impulse control.

In the classroom setting, the use of mindfulness practices can contribute to:

Improved focus and attention



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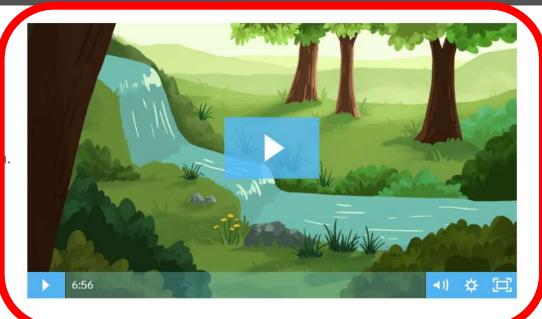
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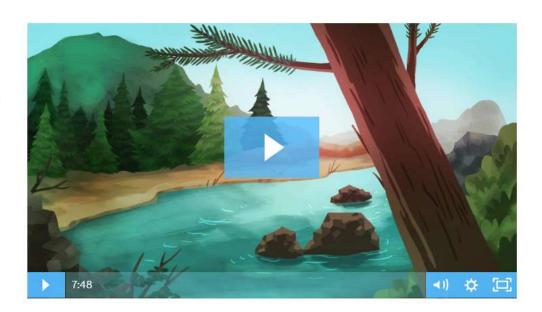
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# 5 Finger Gratitude

Practice Description: Gratitude, or appreciation, is a thought, or feeling, of being thankful for someone or something. Paying attention to what we appreciate can take our mind off what is bothering us and lighten our mood. When we appreciate moments of happiness, warmth or joy in our day, we are also training our mind to be more positive, which can increase the



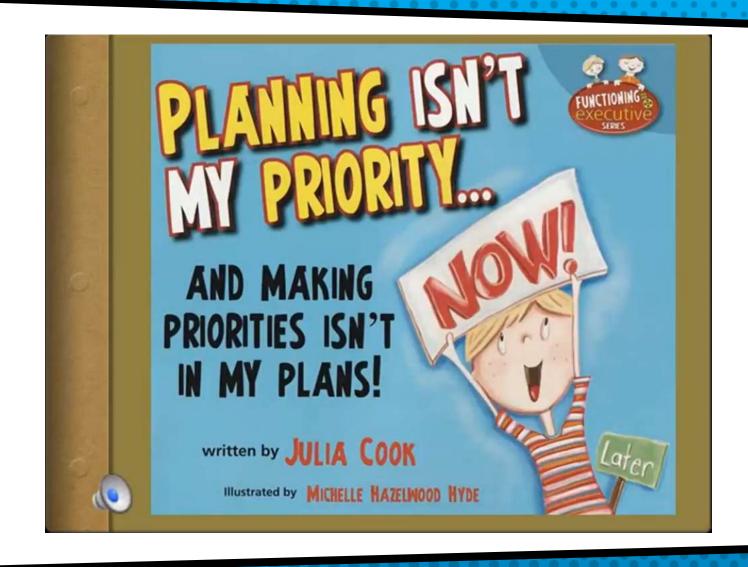
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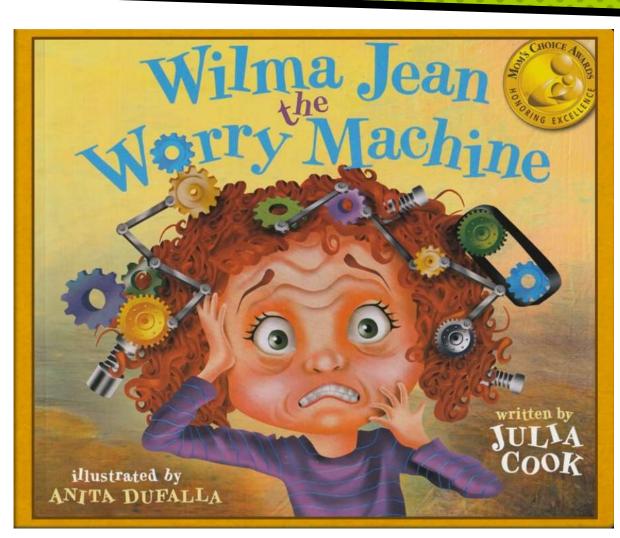


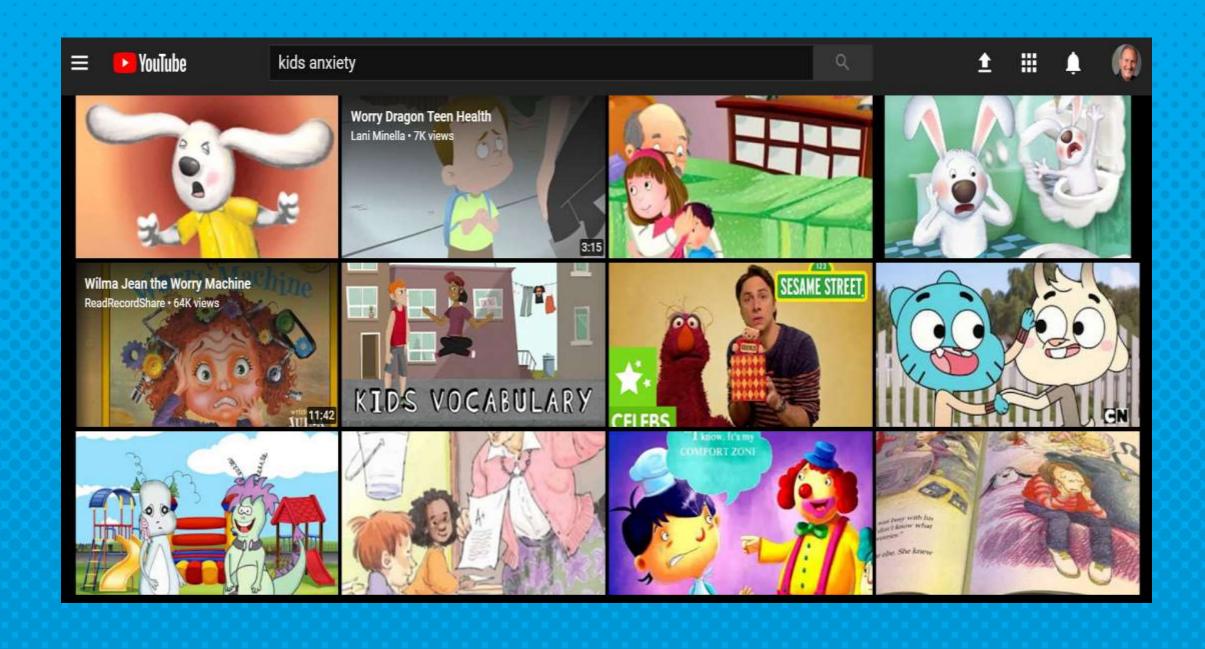
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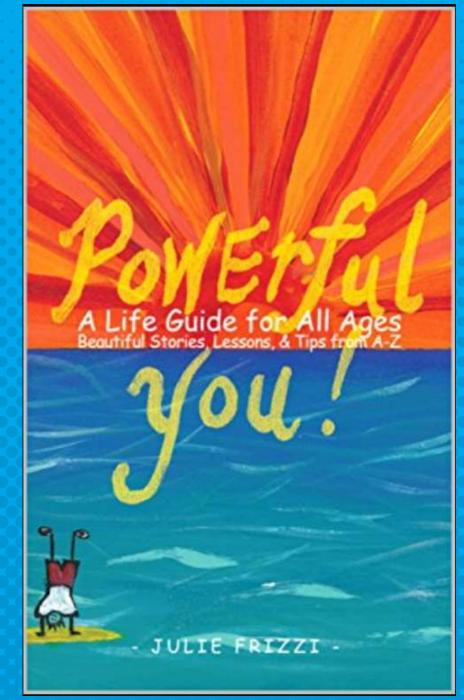








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# START A CHAIR YOGA ROUTINE THIS MONDAY

If you need to stay at your desk, you can still get a good stretch! Do some simple chair yoga positions to get your blood flowing and reduce your stress in just minutes.



## Seated Crescent Moon Pose



Credit: Yoga Destiny

# Wrist and Finger Stretches



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# Chair Pigeon Pose



Credit: Christie Pitko

# Desk Chaturanga

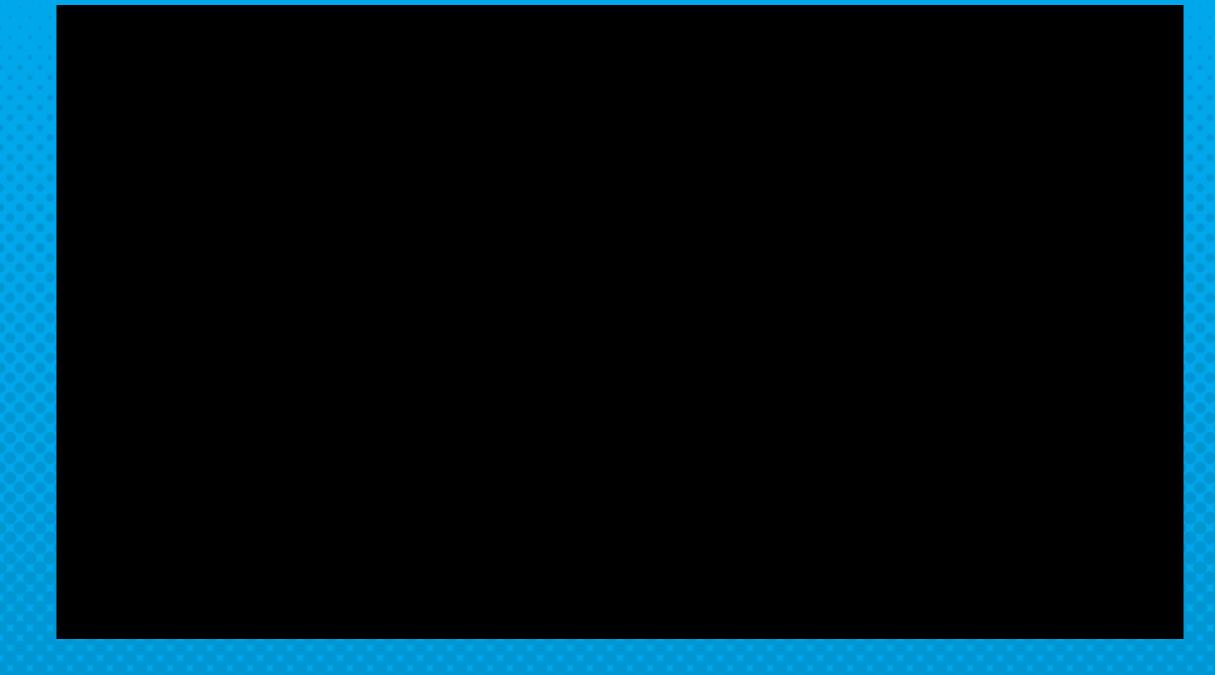


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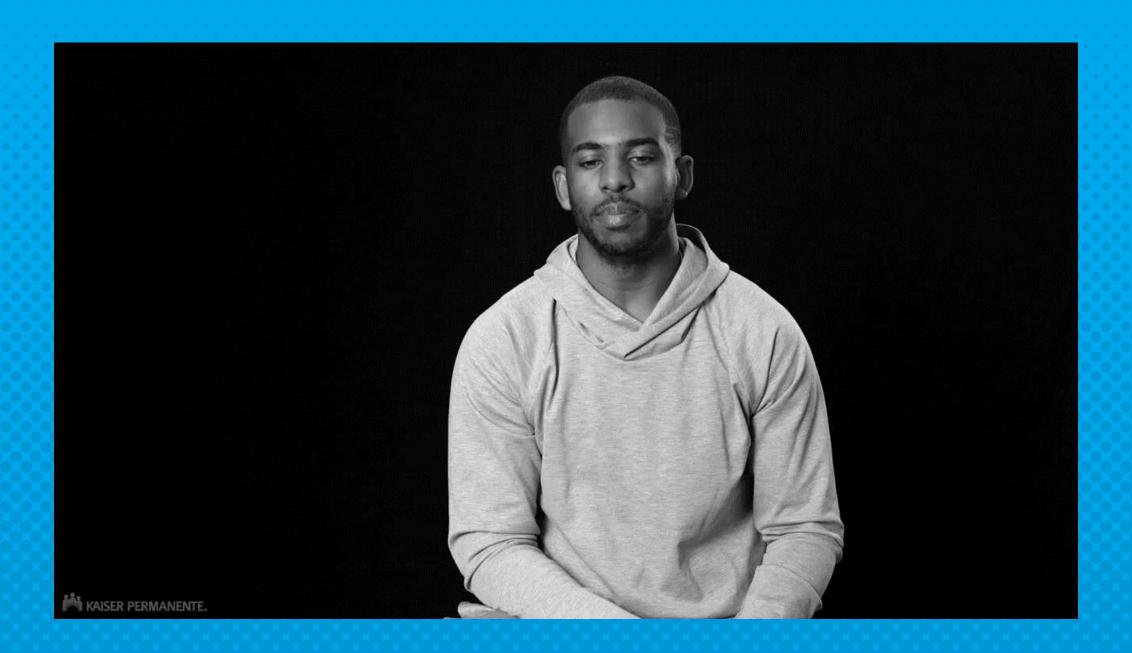


Credit: Chris Watts









Five Steps to Feeling Calm (use this as a guide to teaching your children)

- 1. Spread your hand and stretch your fingers out like a star. You can choose your left hand or your right hand. Pretend the pointer finger of your other hand is a pencil and imagine you are going to trace around the outline of your hand and fingers.
- 2. Start at the bottom of your thumb and slide your finger up your thumb, pause at the top, and then slide your finger down the other side. Now slide your pointer up your second finger, pause, and slide down the other side. Continue tracing your fingers up, pause, and down. Slide your finger slowly, watch your finger move and notice how it feels. Keep going until you have finished tracing your fifth finger (pinky).
- 3. Now you are ready to add some breathing. Breathe in through your nose and breathe out through your mouth. Remember to keep it slow and steady.
- 4. Place your pointer finger at the bottom of your thumb, and breathe in as you slide up. Breathe out as you slide down. Breathe in as you slide up your second finger, and breathe out as you slide down. Keep going until you have finished tracing your fingers and you have taken five slow breaths.
- 5. How does your body feel now? Do you feel calm or would you like to take another five?





"Just Breathe" by Julie Bayer Salzman & Josh Salzman (Wavecrest Films)



# Sesame Street: Common and Colbie Caillat "Belly Breathe" with Elmo







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## Helping Children Manage Big Emotions: My **Emotions Wheel Printable**

Helping children learn to recognise and cope overwhelming emotions is an ongoing process that certainly doesn't stop when they enter primary or elementary school, in fact I would say emotional regulation becomes even more important in the vast social network of school. Teaching children emotional regulation involves helping them to identify what triggers big feelings, how their body feels as it responds and what they can do in the moment and this printable My Emotions Wheel is a great tool for doing just that.

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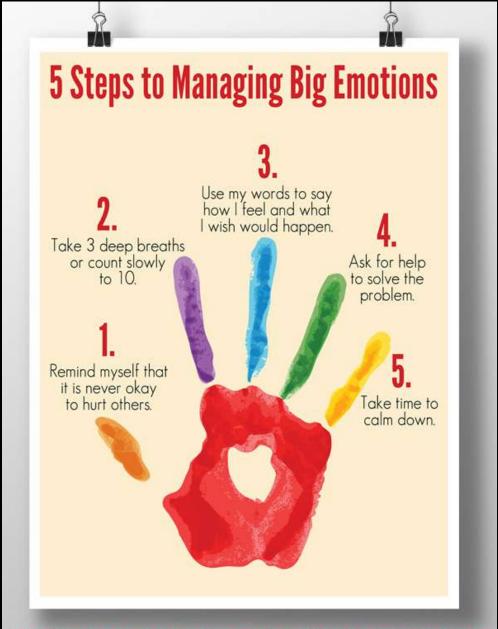








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# HELPING CHILDREN LEARN TO COPE printable poster

- 1.Remind myself that it is never okay to hurt others.
- 2. Take 3 deep breaths or count slowly to 10.
- 3.Use my words to say how I feel and what I wish would happen.
- 4.Ask for help to solve the problem.
- 5. Take the time I need to calm down.



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## 5 Teaching Ideas Connected to Pixar's Movie Inside Out







Michelle Garcia Winner



The Disney Pixar movie, *Inside Out*, has inspired many to think about the idea that what goes on inside our brains is as fascinating as what goes on around us on a daily basis.

As I mentioned in a brief article published in our July Social Thinking newsletter, Inside Out: An Upside Down Experience for Us, the movie encouraged children and adults to talk about the emotions they experience. While I personally did not love this movie (too much chaos in the brain and too little self-awareness and selfcontrol on the part of the 11 year old protagonist, Riley), I did see it as a vehicle for teaching.

Riley's brain is a featured "character" in the movie, however Riley herself has minimal participation in the film. While the core idea of turning feelings into characters is creative and engaging, the reality is that the message the movie conveys is that Riley's emotions paired with her memories are taking her on their own journey. At no point does Riley use any other part of her brain to work through her experience of having to

move and live in a new town. She's not using her brain to develop strategies to more effectively manage her very active emotions paired with her memories of the past. Fundamentally, Riley demonstrates many lagging skills in social communication and problem solving.

That said, the movie can be used for developing lessons around social communication and social emotional learning that can help our students. Although the movie's target market is young elementary school-age children, most of the five lesson ideas that follow are best explored with upper elementary, middle and high school students.

# 50+ IDEAS FOR USING INSIDE OUT IN COUNSELING FOR EMOTIONAL

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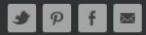
Inside Out, Pixar's newest movie, is a therapist's dream movie. If you work with children, have children, know a child, or know anyone that has a child... stop here and go see this movie!

As a therapist in Virginia Beach, I often work with children with Autism and ADHD. I work with kids who are struggling to fit in, to cope with anxiety, frustration and change. This movie is the perfect platform to engage kids



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#### Inside Out Lesson Plans & Classroom Feelings Chart! - Pinterest

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This is a great way to introduce and help kids identify different feelings using the characters from the movie, Inside Out.Includes:\*\*'How Do You Feel' Chart different color versions)\*\*Life Quotation about embracing all your scenario pages. Find this Pin and more on Autism by jody\_cisneros. \*Includes: -I feel/ I need board ...

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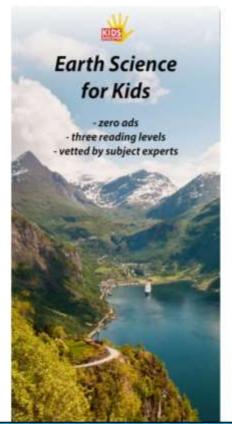
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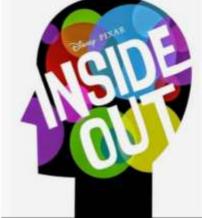
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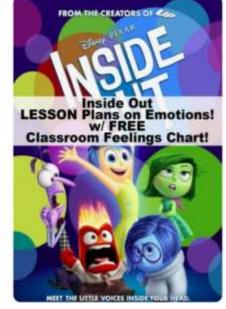






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## Visualization/Guided Imagery

#### What is Visualization/Guided Imagery?

Imagery or visualization involves using your imagination to help put your body in a more relaxed state. Just as your body can become tense and stressed in response to thoughts that make us angry or anxious, it can also become more calm and relaxed in response to calming, peaceful, and pleasant thoughts. One of the most basic ways to use imagery to relax is to close your eyes and imagine being in a place that is peaceful and relaxing to you. It may be a place you have actually been in the past, or it may be a place created in your imagination. It might be a quiet beach; a cool, shady spot in the woods; snuggled in front of a fireplace; fishing; or any place else that is peaceful and soothing to you. Use all of your senses in your imagination. For example, see the waves gently lapping on the shore or the light filtering through the leaves of the trees. Hear the birds singing or the leaves rustling. Smell the flowers, the grass, or the salt air. Feel the sun or gentle breeze on your skin. Feel that you are actually there. Smile and let your body relax. Enjoy being there for a few minutes. You can use this as a regular relaxation exercise or in times of stress when you need to relax. Following is a scripted example of a visualization exercise.

## Guided Imagery & Visualization Developed by The Center For Mind Body Medicine

#### I. What is Imagery?

Guided imagery is a form of deliberate and directed daydreaming, and uses all of the senses. The unconscious mind communicates information and inspiration to the conscious mind and to the body as well. Imagery makes thoughts vivid and is connected with many important functions in the brain.

#### II. Experiential Exercise: Lemon Imagery

To illustrate the effect of imagery on physiological processes, we will examine the process of eating a lemon

#### Script for Lemon Imagery:

Take a deep breath and allow your eyes to close.... I would like you to imagine now that you are standing in your kitchen or the kitchen of someone you know... in front of you is a cutting board..... Next to the cutting board is a good, sharp knife.......

Take a few moments to imagine the kitchen...the color of the countertops...... the appliances...... the cupboards.....notice if there are windows.... and so on......

Also notice any kitchen smells or sounds - the running of a dishwasher or the hum of a refrigerator....or the sound of a clock on the wall...take some time to notice everything, using all of your senses, what do you see....what do you hear....what do you smell...how do you feel being there in your kitchen....

Now imagine that on the cutting board sits a plump, fresh, juicy lemon..... in your mind, hold the lemon in one hand, feeling its weight and textures......

# **Guided Imagery**

Practicing guided imagery helps calm our bodies both physically and emotionally.

# How to Practice Visualization

- Create a comfortable environment

  - Play soothing music. You can download free relaxation podcasts from the Student Turn off the lights in the room Health Services website at http://www.sa.sc.edu/shs/chdc/stressfree.shtml
  - Get comfortable
    - Take off your shoes
    - Sit in a comfortable chair or lie down

    - Relax all of the muscles in your body
    - Take several diaphragmatic breaths to relax both your mind and body. Breathe in a sense of peace and
    - relaxation. Breathe out any tension or stress that you Imagine a scene that brings you peace, where you feel calm and relaxed, where you are able to be yourself. A place where you are able to escape from things that are stressful to you. Focus on how this place makes you feel. Visualize this scene for 5 to 10 minutes (or longer). Feel your heart rate and breathing slow down as you become more relaxed.
      - Several exercises in guided imagery are provided below.
      - To end your session, take a few diaphragmatic breaths, then open your eyes.



# progressive muscle relaxation

One of the body's reactions to fear and anxiety is muscle tension. This can result in feeling "tense", or can lead to muscle aches and pains, as well as leaving some people feeling exhausted. Think about how you respond to anxiety. Do you "tense up" when you're feeling anxious? Muscle relaxation can be particularly helpful in cases where anxiety is especially associated to muscle tension. This information sheet will guide you through a common form of relaxation designed to reduce muscle tension.

#### Muscle tension

Muscle tension is commonly associated with stress, anxiety and fear as part of a process that helps our bodies prepare for potentially dangerous situations. Even though some of those situations may not actually be dangerous, our bodies respond in the same way. Sometimes we don't even notice how our muscles become tense, but perhaps you clench your teeth slightly so your jaw feels tight, or maybe your shoulders become. Muscle tension can also be associated with backaches and tension headaches.

#### Progressive Muscle Relaxation

One method of reducing muscle tension that people have found helpful is through a technique called Progressive Muscle Relaxation (PMR). In progressive muscle relaxation exercises, you tense up particular muscles and then relax them, and then you practise this technique consistently.

#### preparing for relaxation

When you are beginning to practice progressive muscle relaxation exercises keep in mind the folloing points.

#### Relaxation sequence

- Right hand and forearm. Make a fist with your right hand.
- Right upper arm. Bring your right forearm up to your shoulder to "make a muscle".
- 3. Left hand and forearm.
- 4. Left upper arm.
- Forehead. Raise your eyebrows as high as they will go, as though you were surprised by something.
- 6. Eyes and cheeks. Squeeze your eyes tight shut.
- Mouth and jaw. Open your mouth as wide as you can, as you might when you're yawning.
- Neck. !!! Be careful as you tense these muscles. Face forward and then pull your head back slowly, as though you are looking up to the ceiling.
- Shoulders. Tense the muscles in your shoulders as you bring your shoulders up towards your ears.
- Shoulder blades/Back. Push your shoulder blades back, trying to almost touch them together, so that your chest is pushed forward.

## **Progressive Muscle Relaxation Script**

Progressive muscle relaxation is an exercise that relaxes your mind and body by progressively tensing and relaxation muscle groups throughout your entire body. You will tense each muscle group vigorously, but without straining, and then suddenly release the tension and feel the muscle relax. You will tense each muscle for about 5 seconds. If you have any pain or discomfort at any of the targeted muscle groups feel free to omit that step. Throughout this exercise you may visualize the muscles tensing and a wave of relaxation flowing over them as you release that tension. It is important that you keep breathing throughout the exercise. Now let's begin.

Begin by finding a comfortable position either sitting or lying down in a location where you will not be interrupted.

Allow your attention to focus only on your body. If you begin to notice your mind wandering, bring it back to the muscle you are working on.

Take a deep breath through your abdomen, hold for a few second, and exhale slowly. Again, as you breathe notice your stomach rising and your lungs filling with air.

As you exhale, imagine the tension in your body being released and flowing out of your body. And again inhale.....and exhale. Feel your body already relaxing.

As you go through each step, remember to keep breathing.

Now let's begin. Tighten the muscles in your forehead by raising your eyebrows as high as you can. Hold for about five seconds. And abruptly release feeling that tension fall away.

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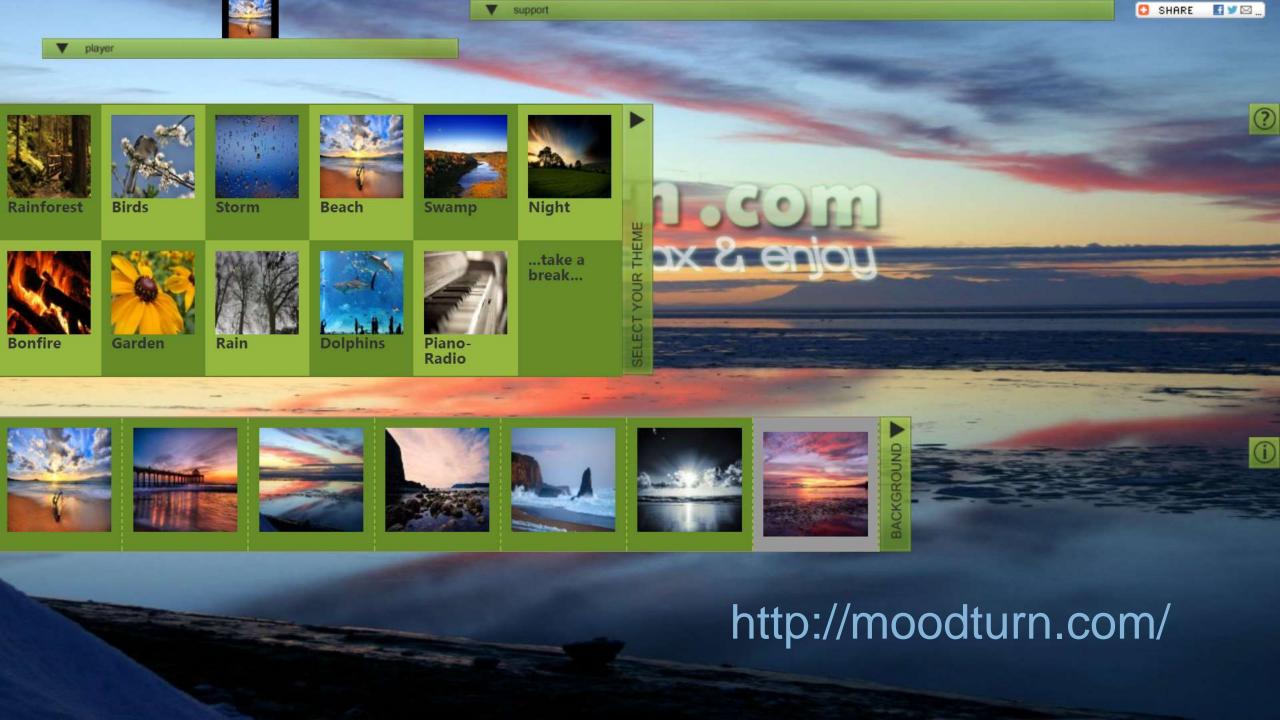
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#### **GUIDED IMAGERY EXERCISES:**

#### Anchoring

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Anchoring is a hypnotic technique that helps you connect to times in your past when you felt truly calm and confident. You can use it right now to give yourself a feeling of strength when feeing and days and difficult challenges.



Taking regular breaks is probably the closest thing I found to a miracle "cure" for feeling stressed.



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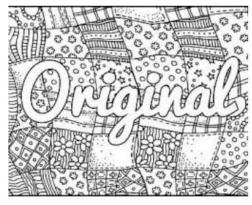


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#### **4 A'S OF STRESS RELIEF**

Expand your stress management tool kit by mastering these four strategies for coping with stress: avoid, alter, accept and adapt.



Attempt to adjust the sources of stress in your life by avoiding or altering them.

A lot of needless stress can simply be avoided. Plan ahead, rearrange your surroundings and reap the benefits of a lighter load



Take control of your surroundings. Is the traffic insane? Leave early for work, or take the longer, less traveled route. Hate waiting in line at the corporate cafeteria? Pack your lunch and eat at your desk.



Avoid people who bother you. If you have a co-worker who causes your jaw to tense, put physical distance between the two of you. Sit far away at meetings or walk around his or her cubicle, even if it requires some weaving.



Learn to say no. You have a lot of responsibilities and demands on your time. At a certain point, you cross the line between being charitable and being foolish. Turn down the neighborhood sports league. Pass on coaching T-ball. Those around you will appreciate more time with a relaxed you. And you'll have time to enjoy them, too.



Ditch part of your list. Label your to-do list with A's, B's and C's, according to importance. If it's a hectic day, scratch the C's from your list.

Just remember: A certain amount of avoidance is healthy, but some problems can't be overlooked. For those situations, try another technique.

#### ALTER

One of the most helpful things you can do during times of stress is to take inventory, then attempt to change your situation for the better



Respectfully ask others to change their behavior. And be willing to do the same. Small problems often create larger ones if they aren't resolved. If you're tired of being the butt of your wife's jokes at parties, ask her to leave you out of the comedy routine. In return, be willing to enjoy her other jokes and thank her for humoring you.



Communicate your feelings openly. Remember to use "I" statements, as in, "I feel frustrated by shorter deadlines and a heavier workload, is there something we can do to balance things out?"



Manage your time better. Organize your day so that like tasks are lumped together - group your phone calls, car errands and computer-related tasks. The reward of ncreased efficiency will be extra time.

State limits in advance. Be proactive. Instead of stewing over a colleague's nonstop chatter, politely start the conversation with, "I've got only five minutes to cover this."



#### MANAGE YOUR TIME

Flexible little routines lower stress by increasing daily predictability

Remember that your schedule doesn't need to be rigid

Create short lists for today and not beyond the weekend

Say out loud what you are grateful for each day



#### 2. PREPARE FOR THE DAY

Take 10 minutes each evening to prepare for the next day

Write down meal plans and pack lunches ahead of time

Pick out clothing, set out shoes, and put items you need in one place

Call or arrange meetings with positive and/or funny friends



#### 3. ENJOY THE LITTLE THINGS

Slow down and enjoy the moment you're in

Focus on the details of your everyday activities



## 25 HEALTHY WAYS TO **DEAL WITH STRESS**

- 1. Start waking up earlier.
- 2. Prepare for the morning the night before.
- 3. Wear more comfortable clothes.
- 4. Avoid relying on substance aids.
- 5. Keep an agenda/planner.
- 6. Check your agenda often.
- 7. Say "no" more often.
- 8. Evaluate your priorities.
- 9. Fix or abandon toxic relationships.
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- 14. Watch a funny movie or TV show.
- 15. Talk to someone you trust.
- 16. Write in a journal.
- 17. Have a bubble bath.
- 18. Cook yourself a healthy meal.
- 19. Make time to exercise.
- Pursue a passion project.
- 21. Spend time with your friends and family.
- 22. Be extra kind to the people around you. 23. Take a break from social media.



#### 1. MEDITATE

Just a few minutes a day of meditation can help ease your stress and anxiety. "Research suggests that daily meditation may alter the brain's neural pathways, making you more resilient to stress," says psychologist Robbie Maller Hartman, PhD

#### 2. BREATHE DEEPLY

When you are feeling stressed, take time to focus on breathing deeply. Close your eyes, sit up straight and focus on nothing but breathing deeply.

#### 3. REACH OUT

Having a solid social support system is a key to reducing stress. Reach out to close friends and your family in times of need.

#### 4. EXERCISE

Exercise has been shown to increase "feel good" endorphins that can help you reduce stress. A long walk can give you time to reflect, while an intense gym session can let you release negative energy.

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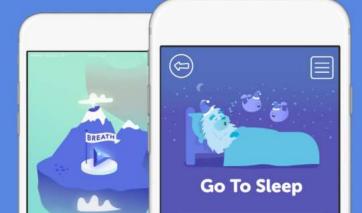
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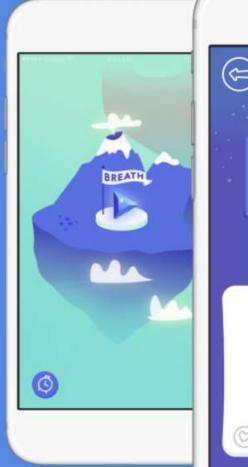


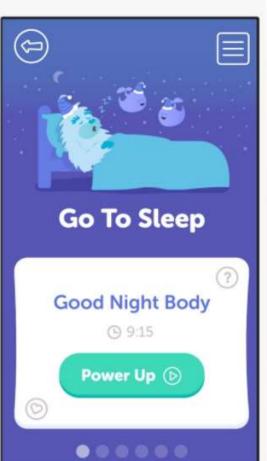


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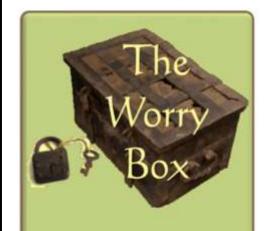
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Breathe2Relax

## By National Center for Telehealth & Technology

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### Description

Breathe2Relax is a portable stress management tool which provides detailed information on the effects of stress on the body and instructions and practice exercises to help users learn the stress management skill called diaphragmatic breathing. Breathing exercises have been documented to decrease the body's 'fight-or-flight' (stress)

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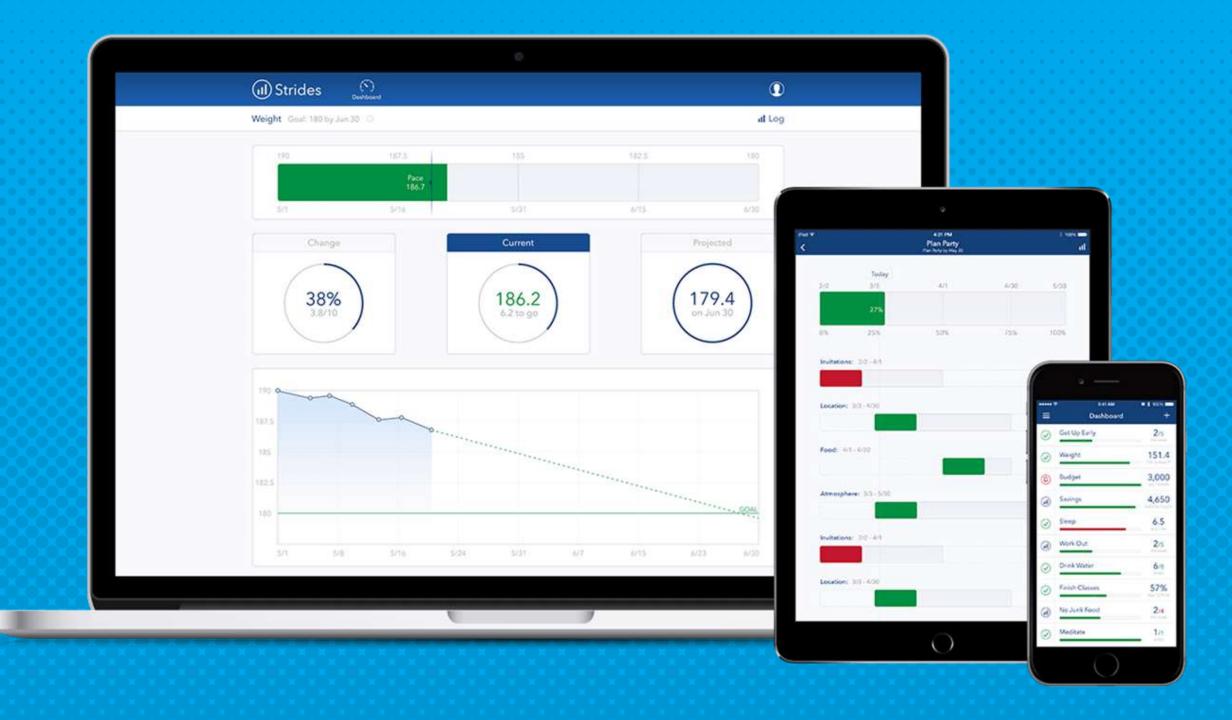
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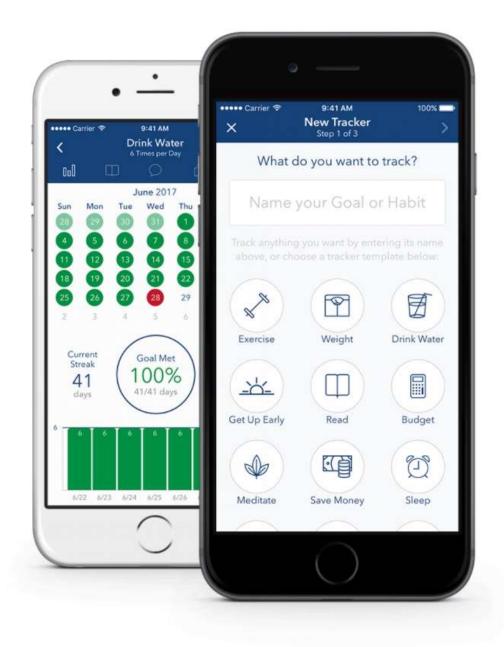
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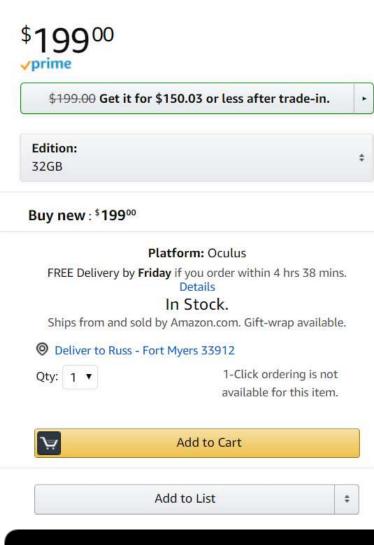
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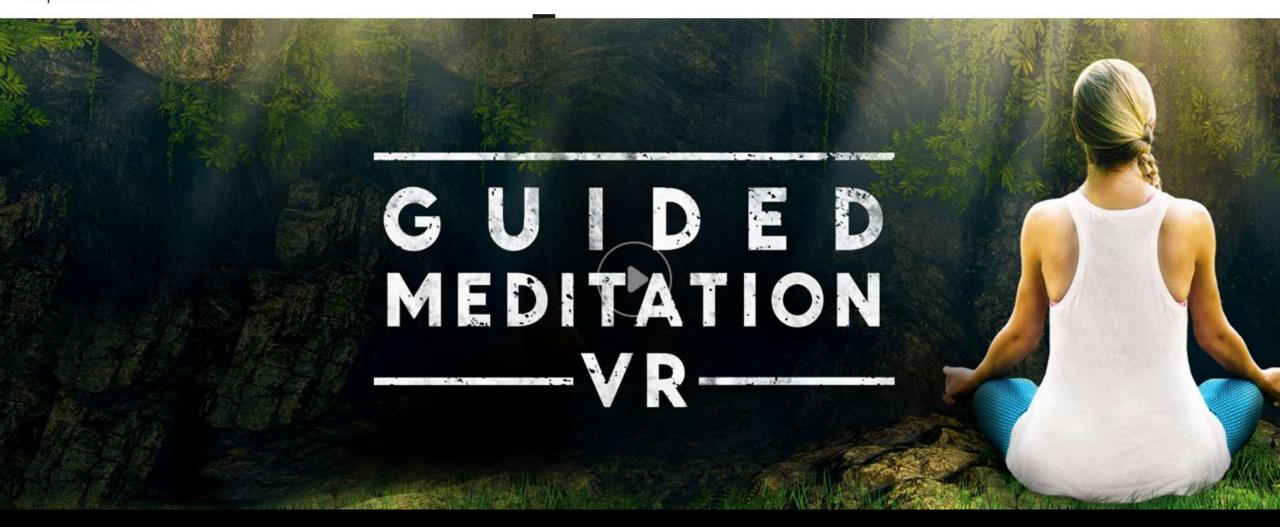


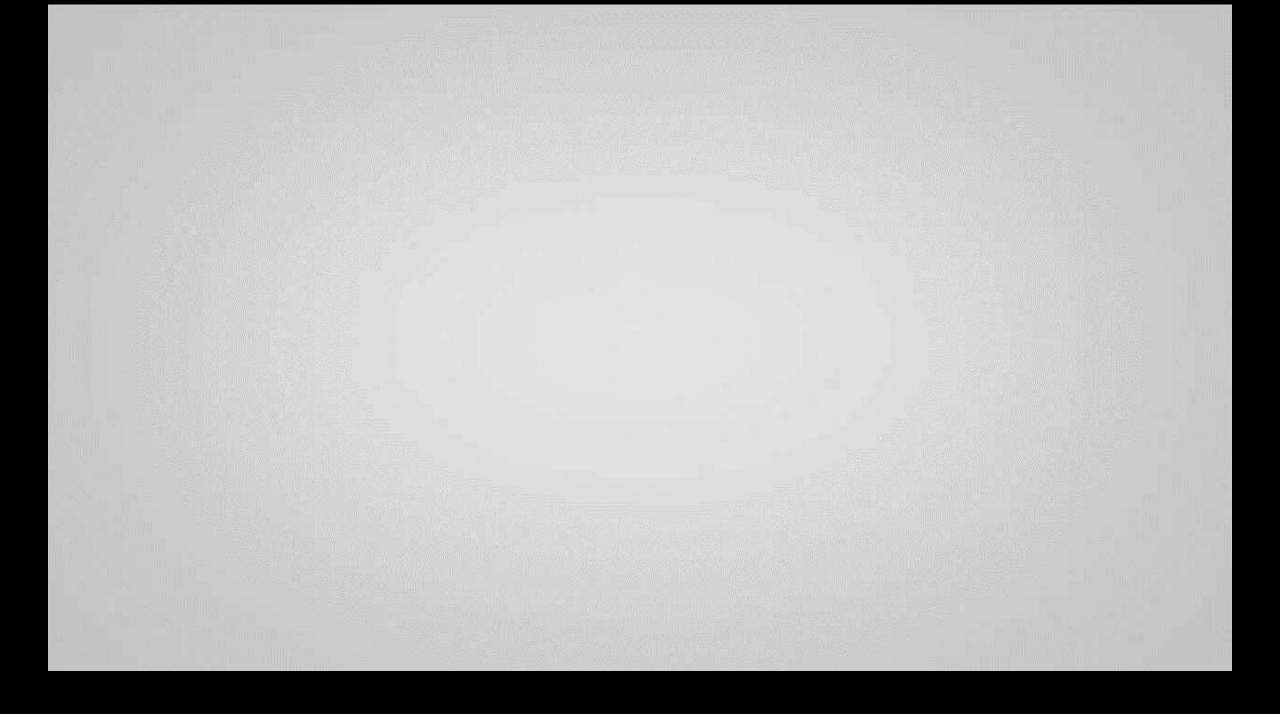




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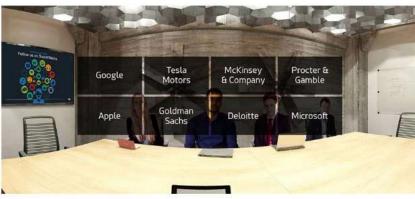


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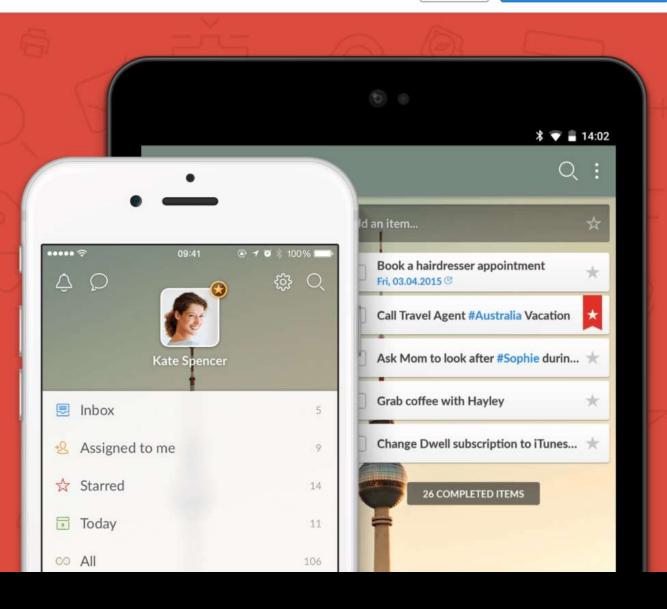


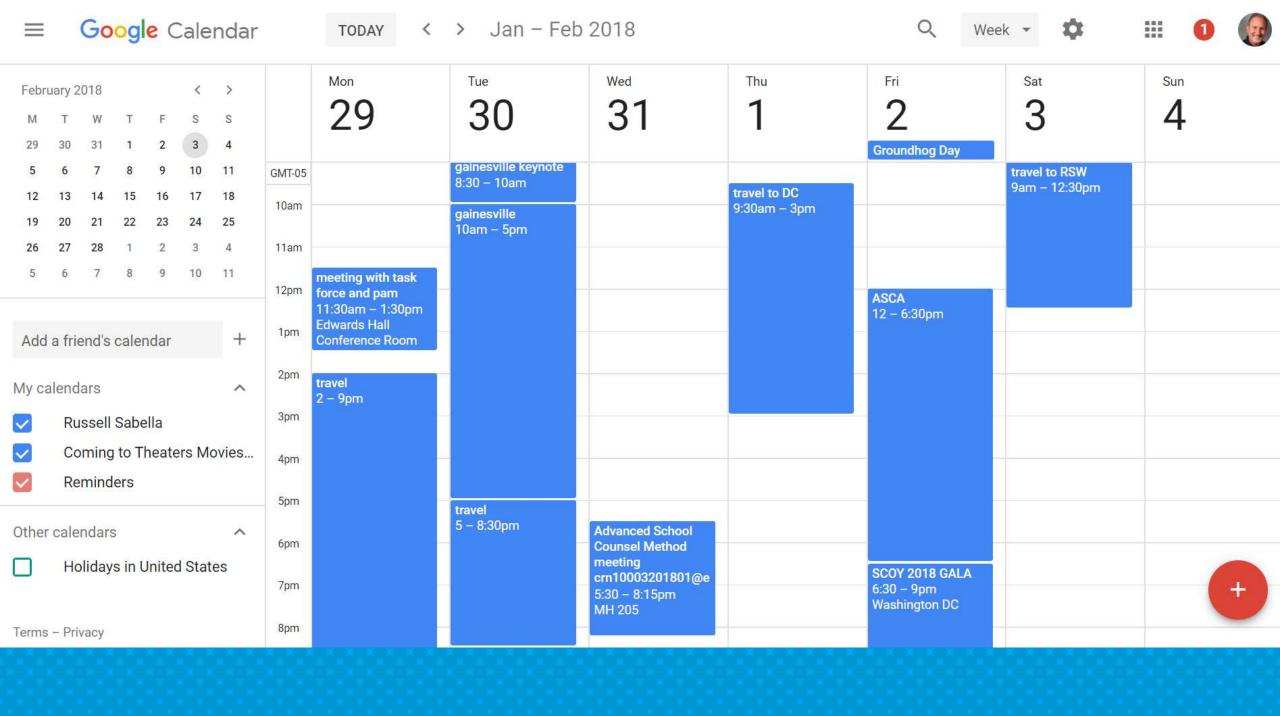


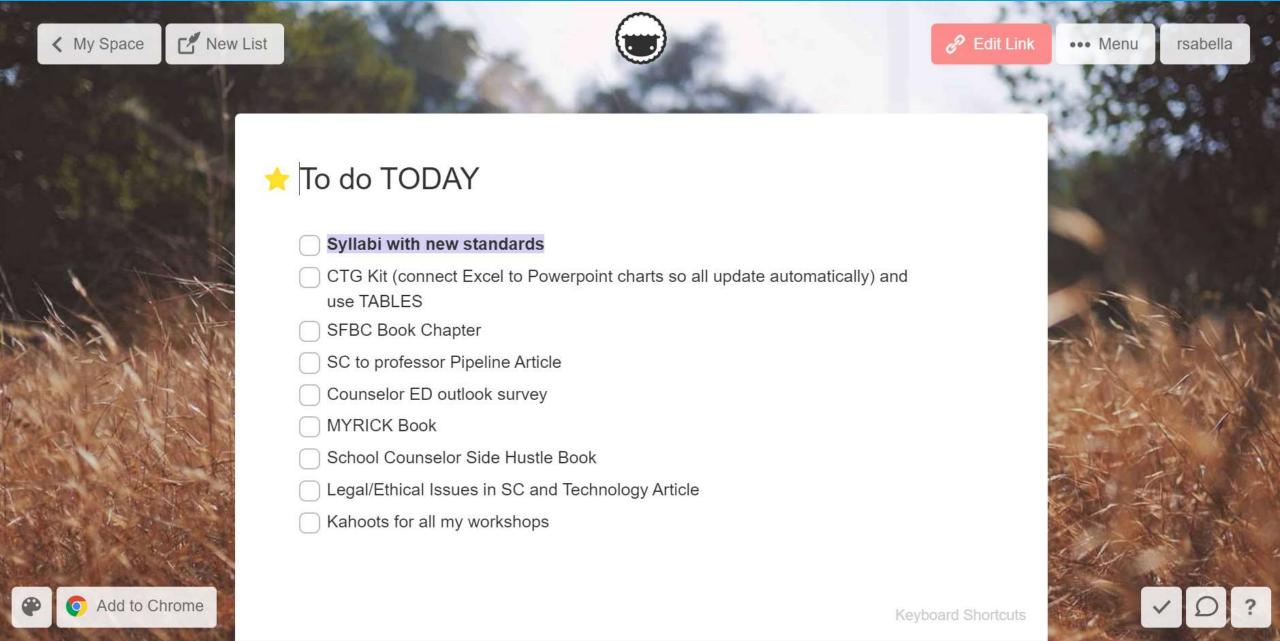
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Anxiety disorders affect one in eight children and teens and more than a quarter of teens report experiencing extreme stress during the school year. Research shows that anxiety, if left untreated, can drastically impact a student's ability to succeed in school. Whether it's the perfectionist who fears receiving less than an A+ on an assignment, or the adolescent who's overly self-conscious and feels judged by her peers, or the first grader who panics when his mother drops him off for school, anxiety can take many shapes and forms. School counselors play a critical role in promoting calmness and encouragement to their anxious students. Learn proven strategies for both individual and group counseling with students affected by anxiety.

### Learning objectives:

Upon completion of this training, participants should be able to:

- Identify the different types of anxiety, and the difference between anxiety and stress, and good vs. bad anxiety
- Explain how anxiety can impact students' academic achievement, social/emotional development and college and career readiness.
- List relaxation techniques and strategies that reframe tests as opportunities for students
- Determine whether their student is in low stress, medium stress or at the red zone/crisis level
- Teach students how to assess their stress level quickly and effectively
- · Describe various interventions to use with students
- Recognize when to collaborate with parents/guardians, teachers, administrators or

## **Brief Summary List**

- Deep Breathing
- ProgressiveRelaxation
- Music and Movement
- Guided Imagery
- Meditation
- Biblio-guidance
- Time management

- Rational, realistic,
   and logical thinking
- Gratitude
- Nutrition and Exercise
- Journaling
- Drawing/Coloring
- Yoga
- Juggle

- Doing more of what works (solutions).
- o Fun
- Digital Cleanse
- Sleep
- Pet a loving pet <sup>②</sup>
- Planning
- Lists
- Virtual Reality



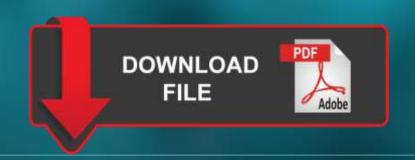




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