



How to practice Mindfulness



Commit to a time

Take small steps everyday.

Start with 3 - 5 mins and build up in 1-minute units each week.



Take a Seat

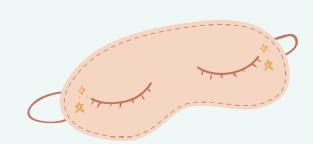
Find a place to sit that feels comfortable, calm and quiet to you. Either cross your legs or, if seated in a chair, rest your feet on the ground.



Notice your Body

Straighten you upper body to relax into your natural spine setting.

Arms by your sides with hands softly positioned comfortable so that you can be still to centre yourself.



Soften your gaze

Lower your chin a let your gaze fall gently downward. Your eyes can be open or closed. Whatever appears before your eyes can be there without focusing on it.



Notice your Breathe

Bring your attention to the physical sensation of breathing: moving through your nose or mouth, the rising and falling of your belly, or your chest.



Notice when your mind wanders

It will! Inevitably, your attention will leave the breath into distraction.

Simply notice it & return your attention to the breath and the path it takes from the outside to the inside.



Be compassionate to your wandering mind

No need to wrestle with your thoughts.

Practice observing them without reacting.

Sit and pay attention without obsessing over their content.

Come back to your breath over and over again, without judgment or expectation.. Just come back.



Lift your gaze & gently come back to now

Take a moment and notice any sounds in the environment. Notice how your body feels right now. Notice any thoughts and emotions.









Practices



Sit in the Morning

Every morning offers an opportunity for reflection, intention & a mindfulness practice.



Spending small touch points amidst nature will help you reset and calm your thinking mind. Barefoot on the ground is a powerful centring practice.



Feel Feelings

What you resist will persist. Avoiding emotions does not serve us. Acceptance and acknowledgment of the emotion helps us to be with what is.



Create

Creating in the kitchen, bedroom, studio, garden or office can generate self expression More time doing what you you love, will lead to loving what you do & how you do it.



Focus on ONE Task

Focussing your attention on your top priorities one at a time will elevate your productivity, celebrations & momentum. You will know when to expand & contract your focus. Zoom in and Zoom out.



Meditate

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Engage in Physical Activities You are Passionate About

If you have a creative hobby, this can also be a good opportunity to practice mindfulness. Spend some time doing what you enjoy and just be in the moment of creation.



Mindfulness is awareness that arises from paying attention on purpose, in the present moment - without judgement.

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