Welcome to your 15-Day Challenge
DAY 8

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Introductions

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Positive Thinking
The Mind

Research shows that the average person has 50,000 to 70,000 thoughts per day.¹

¹: Bruce Davis, Ph.D., Retreat leader at Silent Stay Retreat Center, https://www.huffpost.com/entry/healthy-relationships_b_3307916
Image: https://www.quora.com/How-can-imaginations-be-made-reality
“Be Careful When You Talk To Yourself, Because You Are Listening”\(^1\)
Mindful Listening
Engaging Activity: Mindful Listening
Neurochemicals

Endorphins

Neurotransmitters

Improved mood

Improved memory

Move

Wave Sequence

Chair Boat
Engaging Activity: Wave Sequence
Engaging Activity: Chair Boat
Guided Rest/Body Scan
Engaging Activity: Guided Rest / Body Scan

1. Lie down on the floor on your back. Spread your feet apart. Turn your palms up to face the ceiling and close your eyes.

2. Put your attention on your forehead. Feel your forehead relax.

3. Put your attention on your eyes. Feel your eyes relax.

4. Put your attention on your cheeks and jaw. Feel your cheeks and jaw relax.

5. Put your attention on your neck. Feel your neck relax.

6. Put your attention on your shoulders. Feel your shoulders relax. (Repeat for arms, wrists, hands, fingers.)

7. Put your attention on your chest. Feel your chest relax.

8. Put your attention on your back. Feel where your back touches the floor (or the chair).

9. Put your attention on your belly. Notice how the breath moves the belly softly up and down.

10. Put your attention on your hips. Feel your hips relax. (Repeat for legs, knees, ankles, feet, toes.)

11. Bring your awareness to your breathing, and notice where you feel the breath in your body. Maybe you notice it in your nostrils. Maybe you feel it in your chest. Maybe you feel it in your belly.

12. See if you can get really quiet. Maybe you will even feel your heart beating inside your body.

13. Let learners rest in silence for a few moments.


15. Slowly start to wiggle your fingers and toes. Take a deep breath in and stretch your arms overhead. As you exhale, relax.

16. Open your eyes and slowly return to a seated position.

17. Notice how you are feeling.
Day 8:
What is a song that you enjoy and why do you enjoy it?