

# Welcome to your 15-Day Challenge DAY 11



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#### Introductions

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Breathe

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Rest

Attitude Journaling









#### Taking in the Good



# Engaging Activity: Taking in the Good

- 1. Think of one thing from the day that you feel good about, and be specific—for example, you listened, you were more creative, you lent a helping hand, or someone smiled at you, etc.
- 2. Hold on to that memory for the next 30 seconds. Remember it in as much detail as you can.
- Allow the feeling associated with the memory to sink in your mind. Act as a sponge, absorbing the memory and the feeling together.





#### **Anchor Breathing**



# Engaging Activity: Anchor Breathing



- 1. Sit down and get comfortable.
- 2. Rest your hand on your chosen breathing space: belly, chest or just under your nose.
- 3. Do your breathing and keep your attention on your breathing space.
- 4. When your attention wanders, gently bring it back to your breathing space.
- Notice when your mind has wandered away from your anchor (belly, chest, or nose) and bring your mind back to that point of concentration. It is not bad or wrong for your mind to wander. Mindfulness is not about determining whether what you are thinking is right or wrong. In this practice, we are simply noticing that the mind has wandered or that the mind is filled with thoughts, and then gently guiding it back to where we want or need it to be.

## What we hope to do

Respond

Vs.



In order to have an impact on others, you must first have an impact on yourself.







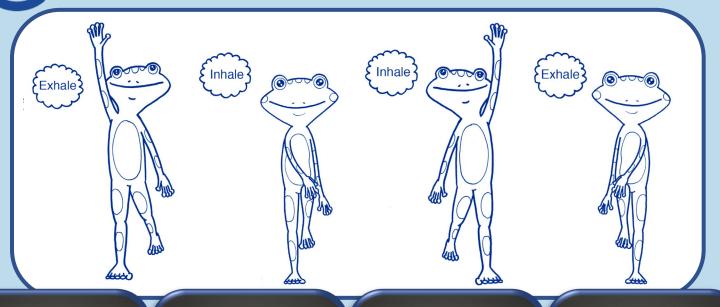
#### Brain Balance Sequence

Standing Half Moon

**Standing Kite** 



## Engaging Activity: Brain Balance Sequence





- 1. Inhale, take the right arm overhead and the left foot slightly behind, placing only your toes on the floor.
- 2. Exhale, lift the left leg, knee bent, and touch the right hand to the inside of the left knee.
- 3. Inhale, return the right arm overhead and the left foot slightly behind placing only your toes on the floor.
- 4. Exhale and again lift the left leg, knee bent, and touch the right hand to the inside of the left knee.
- 5. Repeat on the other side.





# Engaging Activity: Standing Half Moon

- 1. Begin in Mountain Pose.
- 2. Inhale, take feet slightly apart. Lift left arm overhead alongside left ear, press right arm into right side.
- 3. Exhale, lean to the right. Gaze straight ahead or down towards the feet.
- 4. Inhale, return to the center.
- 5. Exhale, lower left arm.
- 6. Inhale, lift right arm overhead alongside right ear, press left arm into left side.
- 7. Exhale, lean to the left. Gaze straight ahead or down towards the feet.
- 8. Inhale, return to the center.
- 9. Exhale, lower right arm and step feet together into Mountain Pose.
- 10. Repeat as required.





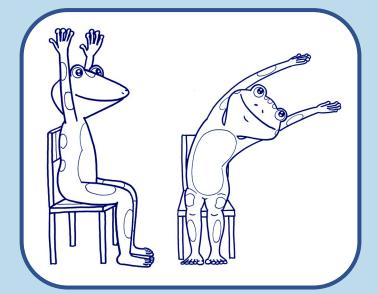
# Engaging Activity: Seated or Standing Kite











- 1. Inhale, take both arms overhead.
- 2. Exhale, lean to the right side.
- 3. Inhale, come back to center, arms overhead.
- 4. Exhale, lean to the left side.
- 5. Repeat a few times.



#### 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.
- 14. Ring chime.
- 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 11: "I couldn't imagine living without..."

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