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# TIME FOR A VIBE CHECK!

Sometimes it's important to take a step back, pause what you're doing and take a mindfulness break. Whether you're having a great day or having a bad time, practicing mindfulness and bringing yourself into the moment can have lasting effects on your overall mood.

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# HUG IT OUT

Take a minute to love yourself like you love a friend. Give yourself a hug.

Sit comfortably on the floor, and wrap your arms around yourself, squeezing gently, lovingly, as if embracing a loved one. Try this for 60 seconds.

Hugs and emotional connections release calming hormones, and there's no deeper connection than the ones you can make with yourself.



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Before you get out of bed is a perfect time to meditate. Sit up in bed. Close your eyes and take a deep breath in through your nose, then slowly release it through your mouth.

Stretch both arms over your head as far as you possibly can. Let your right arm fall to your left. Grab your left elbow with your right hand. Continue to breath. Put both arms back up high. Continue to breathe. Let your left arm fall to your right. Continue to breathe.

#### HOW DID IT FEEL?





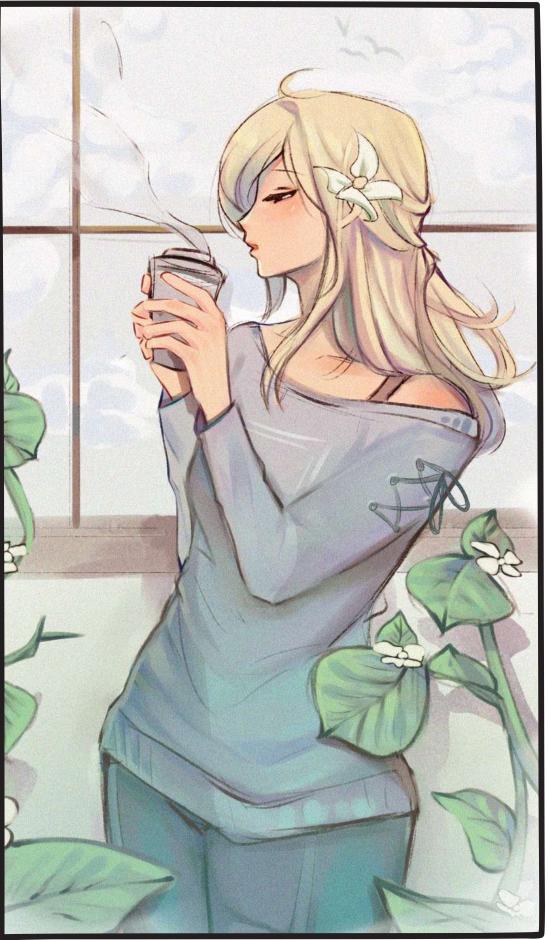
Take time to enjoy the tiny, overlooked goodness around you... literally.

Find a flower, a plant, a tree, anything that grows. Bring it close to your face, close your eyes, and breathe in its scent for 60 seconds.

Is it sweet? Harsh? What does the scent tell you about the plant you're holding? Carry this feeling through the day.







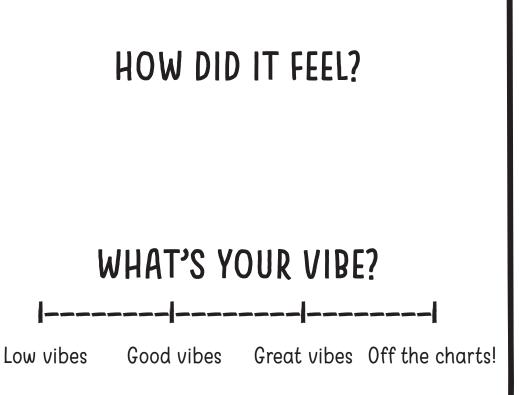
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# **BLOW OFF SOME STEAM**

Blow the steam off of a hot drink (it can be real or imagined).

Hold the warm mug with two hands, lifting slowly to your nose. Inhale through your nose for four seconds, taking in the aroma, noticing its richness.

Then, after a short pause, exhale slowly through your mouth, cooling the drink, preparing to sip. Repeat for 60 seconds.





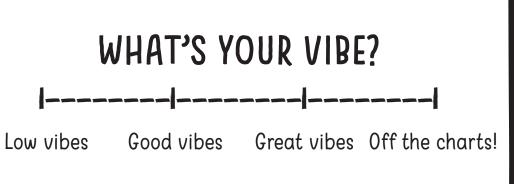
Take a minute to notice all the emotions inside of you right now.

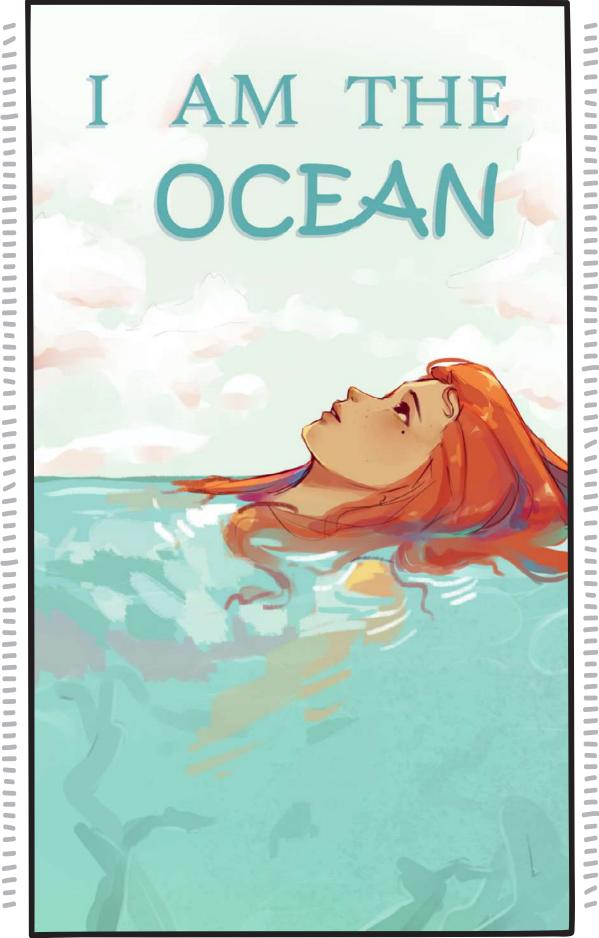
Tired, nervous, lonely, proud, cheerful, longing... there are hundreds of possibilities; name as many as you're able.

Just notice them and say to yourself...

I notice I'm having the feeling \_\_\_\_\_. I notice I'm having the feeling \_\_\_\_\_. I notice I'm having the feeling \_\_\_\_\_.

#### HOW DID IT FEEL?





All feelings come and go, like waves on the ocean. When you feel challenged, remember that just as the emotions washed in, they will wash out.

Spend a minute imagining you ARE the ocean, deep and vast. Breathe in, allowing your waves to wash up on shore. And breathe out slowly, as your waters roll back into the sea. For one minute repeat: "I am the ocean, my feelings are just the waves."

### HOW DID IT FEEL?





# **READY FOR YOUR CLOSE-UP**

Get outside into a little slice of nature and find something tiny, something most would consider insignificant. A bug. A single blade of grass. A leaf on a tree.

Now zoom in. Get in close to it. And for one minute, consider how truly remarkable that little slice of nature really is. Think about how it came into the world, and what a day in its life must look like. What is its role in the world?

Now zoom out once again, and be in awe of the size of the world around us.

### HOW DID IT FEEL?





For 60 seconds, do nothing but listen.

Close your eyes. Rest still.

What do you hear? How near or far is the sound? Are there noises in the building you're in? Birds outside? Distant traffic? Wind in the trees?

Close your eyes and just listen, using your imagination to illustrate everything you take in with your ears.



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