



Use these tips to help you relax when you are feeling upset. They can help you sleep and lower anxiety and depression.

- 1. Take a time-out.** Step back from the problem to clear your head. Practice yoga, listen to music, meditate, or get a massage.
- 2. Eat small, balanced meals often.** Do not skip any meals. Keep healthy snacks on hand that will boost your energy.
- 3. Limit alcohol and caffeine.** Alcohol and high levels of caffeine can make anxiety and depression worse. They can also trigger panic attacks. Instead, try water or green tea.
- 4. Get sleep.** When you are feeling stressed, your body needs more sleep and rest to recharge.
- 5. Move your body each day.** Moving your body can help you feel good and stay healthy. It can also help relax your mind and your body.
- 6. Do your best.** Aim to do your best, not to be perfect. Always be proud of the goals you reached.
- 7. Stay positive.** Try to replace your negative thoughts with positive ones.
- 8. Laugh.** Laughing can relieve tension and stress. It can also relax your muscles.
- 9. Talk.** Talk to a friend or family member about what's bothering you. Let them know how they can help you.
- 10. Write in a journal.** Writing down your thoughts and feelings can help you manage them. This will help you look for patterns and find out what triggers your anxiety and stress.

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