# Breathing

Breathing is a common anchor used in mindfulness practices. Draw your awareness to your breath as it enters and exits your body. As you breathe deeper, observe how the breath flows into your lungs, causing the stomach to rise and fall. Keep a natural rhythm in a present moment. (In 4, hold 4, out 4, 4 times)

# Emotional Awareness

Take a step away when emotions arise. Scan your body for any sensations that accompany your emotions. Relax shoulders. Notice the thoughts that accompany the emotion. Release the emotion before you are off into stories and judgements. Consciously allow compassion and experiencing feelings in a new way. Find a neutral relationship with your emotions

# Senses Scanning

**Touch:** notice all areas touching a physical surface *Hearing*: listen to the sounds around you, include subtle vibrations that come and go

*Smell:* notice the aromas in the air around you. *Taste:* observe the tastes in your mouth in the moment

*See:* gently and slowly open your eyes to slits, then open all the way. See the environment around you

#### Mindfulness toward Emotions

- 1. Turn toward the emotion: understand and accept the emotion
- 2. Create space by identifying the emotion: treat the emotion as a separate entity and be compassionate and curious with an open heart
- 3. Feel any bodily sensations that are present: create a distance to strengthen your awareness of it and witness from a quiet peaceful place
- 4. Impermanence of emotions: Feelings, thoughts and sensations come and go

Realize that you are not in fact your emotions; and through this realization you find strength to journey through the storms in your sails.



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- Patience
- Open-mindedness
- Concern for others

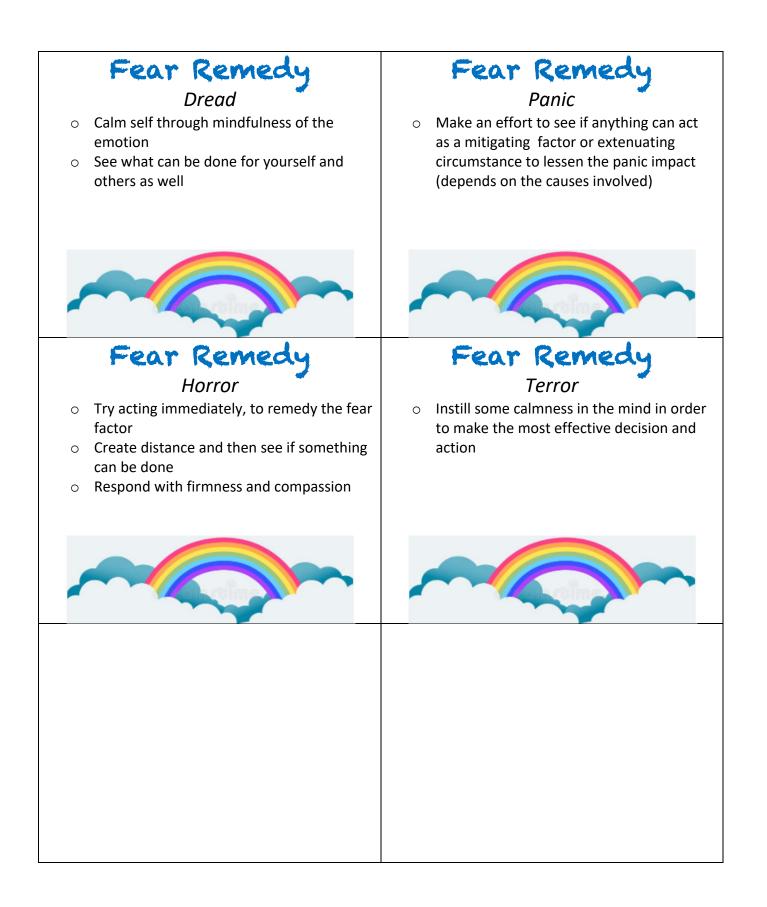
#### Anger Remedy Frustration

- o Let Go
- Let Go of grasping at straws
- Put things in a larger perspective









# Disgust Remedy Dislike Impartially evaluate the degree of harmfulness to determine what triggered the dislike Find the best way to resolve Don't underestimate the potential for change

# Sadness Remedy

#### Disappointment

- Understand that disappointment is natural in some circumstances
- Do not let yourself become overwhelmed
- In a place of peace, think of constructive things that could be done



#### Sadness Remedy Distraught

- Understand that a permanent state of sadness and despair will not bring any real benefit
- Find someone who will let you vent without judgement



#### Sadness Remedy Discouraged

- This will not remain long term
- Work through the feeling by seeing what can be done for yourself and others as well

#### Sadness Remedy Helpless

- This feeling will not remain if you can focus on what is making you feel helpless
- See what can be done for yourself by reaching out to others whose opinions you trust



### Sadness Remedy Grief

- Understand that a permanent state of sadness will not bring any real benefit
- In the case of mourning someone, falling into long-term sadness and despair should not be seen as an homage to that person
- It is better to pay homage by doing meaningful and altruistic acts





# Sadness Remedy Anguish

- Realize that things and people are impermanent by nature
- Revolting against this cannot lead to a fulfilled life



