

FEELINGS EXERCISE

This exercise will help your child identify physical changes and how the body responds. For example, physical signs of anger are clenched fists, sweating, tight muscles, and chest.

Knowing these physical symptoms will create greater awareness of identifying emotions related to physical sensations. For young children, describing how it feels physically can be more tangible in recognizing emotions. These can help children manage their anger before it becomes more difficult to manage.

HERE ARE SOME PROMPTS TO HELP YOUR CHILD TO SPOT PHYSICAL SIGNS:

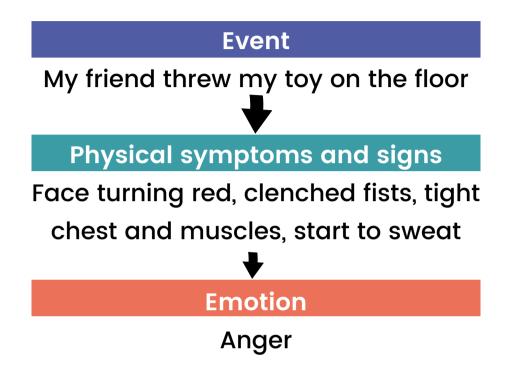
General Prompts

- How does my body feel when I feel angry?
 (tensed muscles, face feeling hot)
- How does my body look? (clenched fists, shaking)

Specific Prompts

- How did you feel inside your body? Did you feel hot or cold?
- How did your head feel? Did you feel focused or dizzy or have a headache?
- How does your heart feel? Did your heart beat faster?
- How is your breathing? Did you breathe heavily or calmly?
- How did your muscles feel? Your arms, your shoulders, your jaw?
- How does your stomach feel? Did you get a stomach ache or feel knots in your stomach?

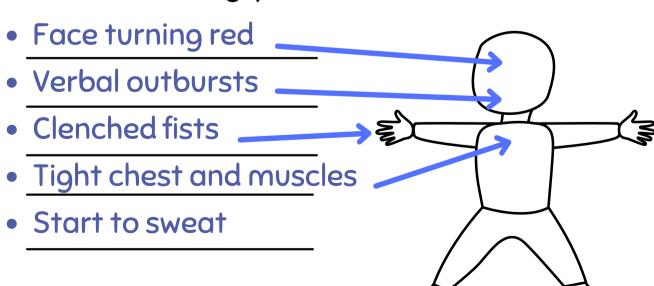
In the worksheet below, the physical symptoms of these emotions are listed. During the exercise, your child can also spot signs he/she spots in the body - this will help your child to visualize reactions in their body when they feel a certain emotion.



An example of how this section can be filled

How does my body feel when I am angry?

Label how it feels in my body



ANGER

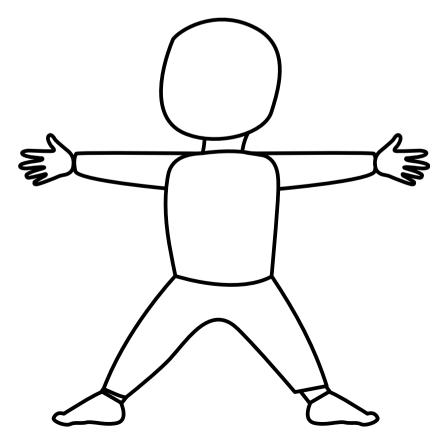


I feel angry when

Physical Symptoms

- Clenched fists
- My muscles feel tight
- I feel tense
- Verbal outbursts
- A particular facial expression
- My face feels hot
- My heart beats faster
- My jaws are clenched
- I have an upset stomach
- I feel warm
- My palms get sweaty

How does my body feel when I feel angry?



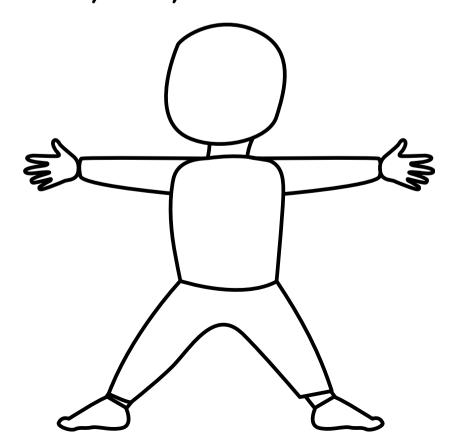


I feel anxious when

Physical Symptoms

- I am sweating
- My heart is racing
- I have headaches
- I feel sick
- I have an upset stomach
- I am shaking or trembling
- I have trouble sleeping
- Breathing rapidly

How does my body feel when I feel anxious?



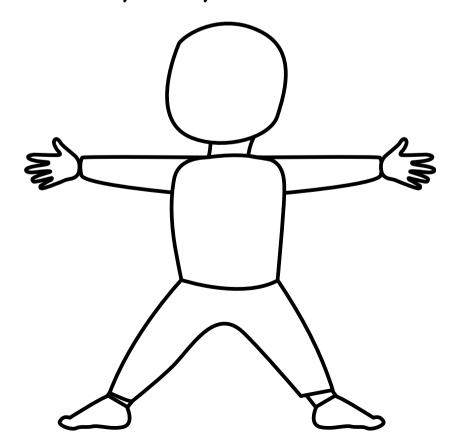


I feel sad when

Physical Symptoms

- I feel tired
- I cried
- My shoulders are hunched
- I have no appetite

How does my body feel when I feel sad?



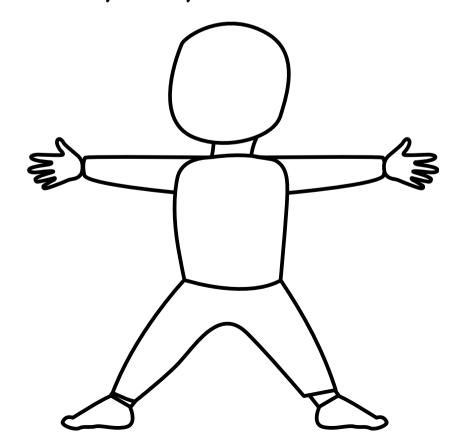
HAPPY

I feel happy when

Physical Symptoms

- I feel energetic
- I am smiling
- My body feels warm

How does my body feel when I feel happy?



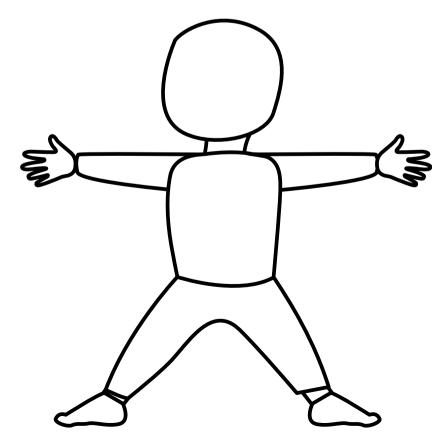


I feel calm when

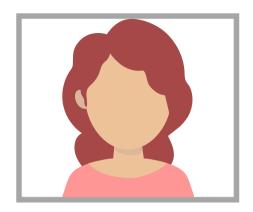
Physical Symptoms

- I am breathing calmly
- I feel warm
- I feel focused

How does my body feel when I feel calm?

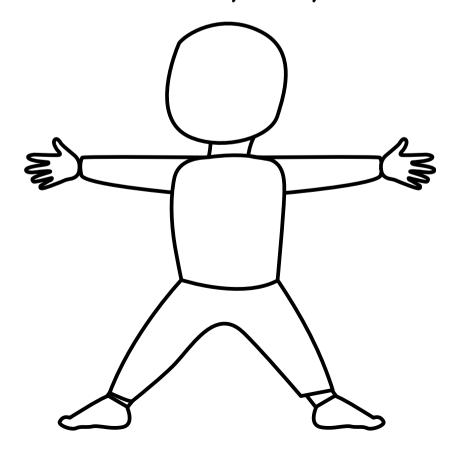


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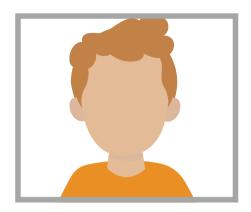


When do I feel like this?

How does my body feel?

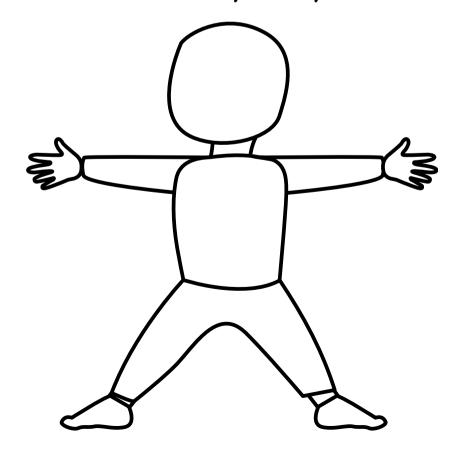


I FEEL _____



When do I feel like this?

How does my body feel?



MAKING A CHOICE

This exercise will help your child to identify the positive and negative consequences of the choices made. Considering the potential consequences can help your child to decide what is the best choice to make.

Trigger or Problem

My friend threw my toy on the floor



Physical symptoms and signs

Face turning red, clenched fists, tight chest and muscles, start to sweat



Emotion

Anger



Thought

I am angry that my friend threw my toy on the floor.



I want my friend to apologize.



Action I can take

I hit my friend and pick up the toy

My friend cries or hits consequence

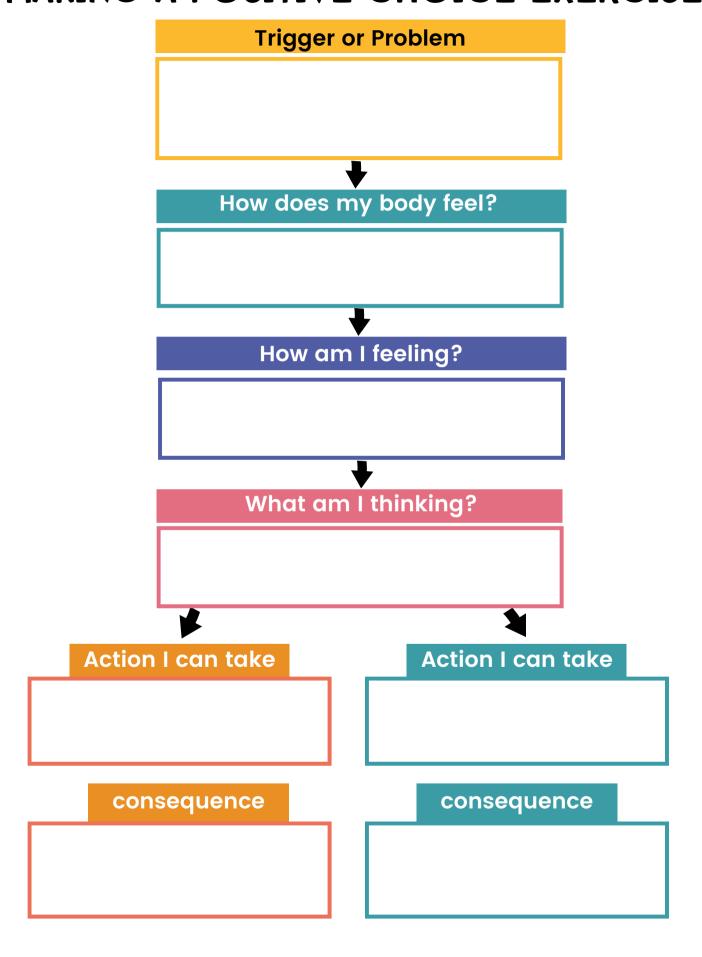
me and both of us

Action I can take

Ask my teacher for help

My teacher helps me to talk to my friend.

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ANGER THERMOMETER

How do I look?

Calming Techniques

Big

I raise my voice I call others names I leave I talk to someone I can trust I go for a walk

Medium

I call others names
I breathe heavily
I clench my fists

I listen to music
I challenge my
negative thoughts
I identify my emotions

Small

I feel hot
My face turns red
I stare at the person

I close my eyes and count down from 20 I walk to another room to calm down

ANGER THERMOMETER

How do I look?	Calming Techniques
Big	
Medium	
Small	

CHECKING IN

How am I feeling? draw a face and use a word to describe	What made me feel this way?
draw a race and ose a word to describe	
How is my body feeling? (relax	ed, pain, tensed, shaky, dizzy)
Is there anything I am worr	ied or anxious about?
What am I grateful for? Wh	nat am I looking forward to?

IDENTIFYING POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE THOUGHTS

Thoughts	+	_
I can't do this		
Mistakes help me to learn		
I can ask for help		
I can figure this out		
I am not smart enough		
I'll keep trying		
I can't get anything right		
I don't deserve this		
I can figure this out with practice		
I can always learn and improve		

WHAT DO I THINK OF MYSELF?

You can write down any thoughts about yourself



POSITIVE SELF-TALK

Self-talk refers to how you talk to yourself. Our self-talk can be positive or negative. Positive self-talk makes you feel good about yourself. Negative self-talk makes you feel bad about yourself. How would you change negative thoughts into positive thoughts?



REFRAMING

NEGATIVE THOUGHTS

Thoughts	Reframing
I can't do this if is too hard	
I am not smart enough	
I can't get anything right	
This math question is too difficult	
I'll never understand this	
No one likes me	



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NEGATIVE THOUGHTS

My Thoughts	Reframing

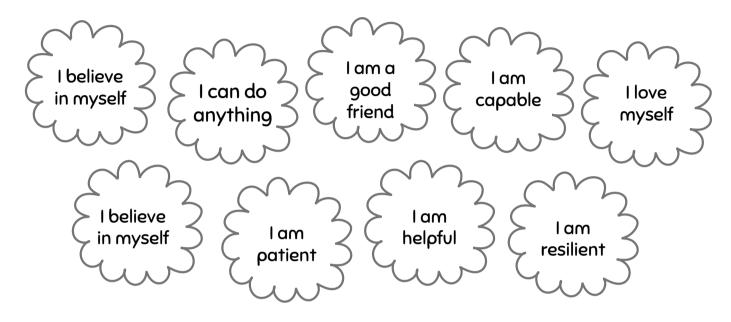
COMPLIMENTS

Complimenting yourself can build confidence and help you to appreciate yourself more. You could also ask yourself the following. What are some compliments I've received? What is something I'm good at?

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2			
3			
5			
6			

AFFIRMATIONS

In this exercise, you can write down affirmations for yourself. Here are some examples:

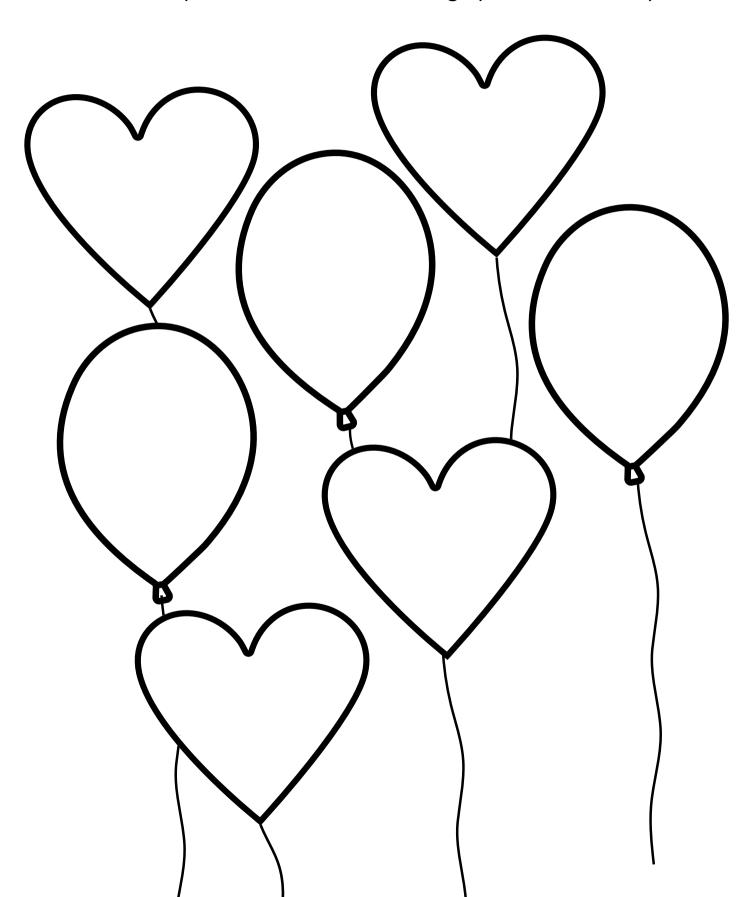


Affirmations for myself

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WHAT I LOVE ABOUT MYSELF

In this exercise, you can write down things you love about yourself



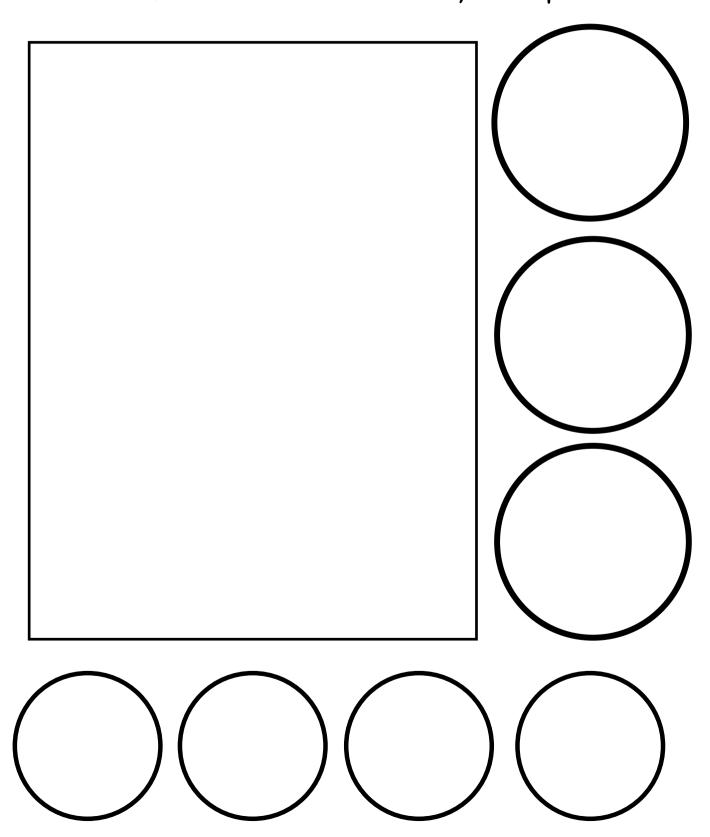
THINGS I'M PROUD OF MYSELF FOR

You can write down things you are proud of yourself for.



WHAT MAKES ME UNIQUE?

In the box below, draw a picture of yourself and in the circle, draw or write what makes you unique.



DAILY CHECK IN

What is something I've done that made me feel proud of myself?	What is something I've learned?
What made you smile?	Write 3 compliments for yourself
What am I grateful for?	Draw anything you want here

WEEKLY CHECK IN

3 Things I have accomplished	3 Things I am thankful for	
3 Things that made me happy	What are 3 new things I want to try?	
What are 3 challenges I faced and how did I overcome them?		