













### The Calming Count

- Find a comfortable place to sit
- Take a long, deep breath
- Exhale slowly and silently repeat the word 'relax'
- Softly close your eyes
- Take ten natural, easy breaths
- Exhale counting down from 'ten'
- Focus on alleviating any tension and imagine all stress leaving your mind and body
- As you reach 'one' open your eyes and bring your attention back to your surroundings



# Breathe in - smell the flower!



# Hold for 3 - count 1,2,3



## **Breathe out** - blow the bubbles!



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# **Breathing Exercises**

#### The Calming Breath

- Take a long, slow breath in through your nose, filling up your lungs
- Hold your breath for a count of three 1,2,3
- Purse your lips and slowly exhale out of your mouth, relaxing all the muscles in your face, shoulders and stomach

#### The Relaxing Breath

Exhale completely through your mouth, making a whooshing sound

Close your mouth and inhale quietly through your nose for a count of four - 1,2,3,4

Hold your breath for a count of three - 1,2,3

Exhale completely through your mouth for a count of eight -1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8

• Repeat 10 times each day

The Natural Breath • Repeat three to four times

- Slowly inhale through your nose, focusing on only filling up your lower lungs diaphragm/stomach area)
- Exhale easily
- Repeat and continue to practice until this comes to you naturally



# **Breathing Exercises**

Use the breathing activities to help your kids build confidence and release anxiety in new situations.

#### **Dandelion Breath**

How to:

- Sit up tall, relax your shoulders and face.
- Imagine a dandelion flower.
- Take a deep breath in and then blow the air out slowly, sending the seeds into the air.
- Repeat 3 times.

## Flower Breathing

How To:

- Collect a flower, or have your child visualize their favourite flower.
- Ask your child to breathe in deeply, while doing so take a BIG whiff of the flower's scent.
- Hold your breath for a count of 3.
- Exhale through your mouth for a count of 4.
- Repeat for five minutes.





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## **Feather Breathing**

#### How to:

- Collect different coloured feathers.
- Ask your child to hold the feather in their hand.
- Take a deep breath. (Model this for your child)
- To help kids learn how to take a deep breath, ask them to put their hands on their bellies and feel the rise and fall.
- Inhale slowly for a count of 3 1,2,3..
- Then, slowly exhale through the nose and while exhaling blow gently up one side of the feather and down the other side.



# Yoga for kids

Hold each pose for three to five deep and slow breaths, in and out of your nostrils.



