

Mindfulness Techniques for Concentration and Focus

Simple Ways to Get Present

Drop Anchor

This is another simple exercise to center yourself and connect with the world around you. Practice it throughout the day, especially any time you find yourself getting caught up in your thoughts and feelings.

- Plant your feet into the floor.
- Push them down—notice the floor beneath you, supporting you.
- Notice the muscle tension in your legs as you push your feet down.
- Notice your entire body—and the feeling of gravity flowing down through your head, spine, and legs into your feet.
- Now look around and notice what you can see and hear around you. Notice where you are and what you're doing.

Notice Five Things

This is yet another simple exercise to center yourself and engage with your environment. Practice it throughout the day, especially any time you find yourself getting caught up in your thoughts and feelings.

- Pause for a moment
- Look around and notice five things that you can see.
- Listen carefully and notice five things that you can hear.
- Notice five things that you can feel in contact with your body (for example, your watch against your wrist, your trousers against your legs, the air on your face, your feet upon the floor, your back against the chair).
- Finally, do all of the above simultaneously

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Resources

- **Headspace:** <https://my.headspace.com/>
- **Insight Timer:** <https://insighttimer.com/>
- **Waking UP:** <https://wakingup.com/>