PEACE BREATHING

The ability to calm yourself, improve concentration and think clearly. It all starts with breathing.



We are always breathing!

But is your breathing shallow, or deep? Create good breathing habits by breathing deeply every day.

Anyone can do Peace Breathing. Give it a try. Share it with others.

- 1. Sit up and begin to notice your breathing. For less distraction, you can close your eyes.
- 2. Place one hand on your stomach and inhale slowly and quietly through your nose, feeling your stomach move out (this is not a big motion). Pause for a moment.
- 3. Exhale slowly and quietly through your nose, feeling your stomach move in (this is not a big motion). Repeat for 3 breaths.
- 4. Rest both hands on your lap. Inhale slowly and quietly the same way as before, thinking "world." Pause for a moment.
- 5. Exhale slowly and quietly the same as before, thinking "peace." Repeat "World Peace" Breathing for seven breaths or more.
- 6. Once you are accustomed to Peace Breathing, start from step 4. Make a goal to do at least seven breaths a day.

Practice Peace Breathing regularly to:

- Improve your ability to concentrate and think clearly
- Calm yourself before a test or presentation
- Reduce arguments and negative reactions
- Develop good breathing habits for increased energy and better health
- Gain a larger perspective by thinking of peace for the world

Next Step...

Peace Breathe on the move! With your eyes open, try World Peace Breathing when you're at home, on the street, in the halls, waiting in line, riding the bus, playing sports, etc. With Peace Breathing On the Move you can defuse stressful situations before they escalate.

