21 One Minute Mindfulness Exercises

1. Yawn and stretch

One of the easiest ways to bring yourself back to your body.

4. The STOP method

Stand up, Tune in to your body, Observe physical sensations, imagine new Possibilities

7. Loving kindness

Loving kindness meditation is a practice to send warmth, kindness and peace to others.

10. Mindful hug

Ask a partner or friend for a hug. Take three deep breaths together. (Releases oxytocin!)

13. Chair meditation

When you're at your desk in the middle of your workday, take 60 seconds to meditate.

16. Do a door reset

When you pass a door and enter a new space, use that as a chance to do a mindful reset.

19. Mindful listening

Choose a piece of music you've never heard before. Listen to every element of it carefully.

2. Sit and observe

Sit down somewhere outside and simply watch the world around you.

5. Transition moments

Take advantage of "transition moments," like walking across a parking lot. Do it with care.

8. Set an intention

Take a one-minute pause in your day to decide how you want to move through the day

11. Mindful eating

When you catch yourself eating on autopilot, take 60 seconds to slow down and eat mindfully.

14. 4-7-8 breathing

Breathe through your nose for 4 seconds, hold for 7 seconds, then breath out for 8 seconds.

17. Guided meditation

Find a one-minute guided meditation for a quick mental reset.

20. Gratitude

Carve out one minute of your day for a moment of gratitude.

3. Wash your hands

Every time you wash your hands, use it as a reminder to come back to the present.

6. Mindful breathing

Take 60 seconds to notice your breathing. When your mind wanders, bring it back.

9. Self-compassion

Remind yourself that it's common to be hard on yourself, but you need to be nurturing instead.

12. Morning meditation

Take one minute right when you wake up to meditate before you begin your day.

15. Box breathing

Visualize a square. Move along each side of the square, breathing, holding, and exhaling.

18. Cloud watching

Pick a cloud, or anything in your environment, and watch it for one minute.

21. Focus

When you catch yourself multitasking, slow down and work on just one thing for one minute.

