



Emotional Brain Training (EBT)

How people deal with stress has a huge impact on their health and their happiness. Your emotional brain is where you process stress... but you can train it to change.

Daily Check In

Take a deep breath, and check in with your feelings. Ask yourself: Right now, what is my stress level?

Am I:

State 1: Feeling Great

State 2: Feeling Good

State 3: Feeling A Little Stressed

State 4: Feeling Definitely Stressed

Stressed State 5: Feeling Stressed Out

Select one of the following options:

1. Accept your current state, please scroll to the bottom.
2. Use a tool, please scroll to the corresponding tool.

State 1: Feeling Great

Sanctuary Tool:

(Deepen and strengthen that state of being present and with joy) Take a deep breath.

Maintain a good posture. Lovingly observe yourself.

Connect with your sanctuary, the safe place within. Feel a wave of compassion for yourself.

Feel a wave of compassion for others.

Feel a wave of compassion for all living beings. Feel a surge of joy!

When you have finished scroll down.

State 2: Feeling Good

Feelings Check Tool:

(You are at State 2, aware of your positive and negative feelings. Use the Feelings Check to get to State 1!)

Ask yourself, how do I feel?

Angry, Sad, Afraid, Guilty, Tense, Tired, Hungry, Full, Lonely, Sick, Grateful, Happy,

Secure, Proud, Relaxed, Rested, Satisfied, Loved, Loving, Healthy (Select three)

Which of those is my strongest feeling?

(Your strongest feeling points to your most important need)

What do I need?

(What is my corresponding need?)

Do I need support?

(To meet that need what support could I ask for?)

When you have finished scroll down.

State 3: Feeling A Little Stressed

Emotional Housecleaning:

(You are a little stressed. Use Emotional Housecleaning to clear away the negative feelings and to become more aware of the positive feelings that are under them.) Complete the following sentences: I feel angry that...

I feel sad that...

I feel afraid that...

I feel guilty that I... I feel grateful that... I feel happy that...

I feel secure that...

I feel proud that I . . .

When you have finished scroll down.

State 4: Feeling Definitely Stressed

Cycle Tool:

(You are in the Brain State 4, definitely stressed. This is a moment of opportunity to weaken stress circuits and to build circuits that bring you joy.)

Just the Facts...

(State the facts about why you are feeling stressed. No feelings. Continue until your feelings become very strong, then continue on. This stress offers a moment of opportunity to change the way you process the daily stress of life.)

Begin the Natural Flow of Feelings. Express your feelings strongly for optimal rewiring. Feel your anger in your body, and then express it, using short, choppy statements (e.g., I feel ANGRY that... I CAN'T STAND it that... I hate it that...)

I feel ANGRY that...

I feel SAD that...

I feel AFRAID that...

I feel GUILTY that I...

My unreasonable expectation is...

An unreasonable expectation is an old circuit that was encoded early in life or later on during stress. Once you know what it is, you can begin rewriting it.

My reasonable expectation is...

The new circuit is the opposite of the old one (e.g. "I have to be perfect" becomes "I do not have to be perfect.")

Your brain is very open to change now.

This is a moment of opportunity!

Type in and say (aloud or to yourself) your new expectation 10 times.

When you have finished scroll down.

State 5: Feeling Stressed Out

Damage Control Tool:

(You are in Brain State 5, stressed out. Use a nurturing inner voice and repetition to quiet that circuit and to ease your stress.)

Say the following three lines over and over to yourself until you feel your stress fading.

Do not judge.

(I will not judge myself. I will not judge others.)

Minimize harm.

Know it will pass.

(Repeat)

When you feel the stress fading scroll down.

CONGRATULATIONS! You Completed an EBT Check In! Feel a surge of Joy!

Each time you disrupt your current pattern of processing the daily stress life you are improving the way your brain works.

Keep up the great work!