

4 PERCEPTION

HOW TO BECOME MORE MINDFUL

To live mindfully is to be happier. Mindfulness exercises train self-perception and, at the same time, reduce stress. In the long term, the ability to relax is promoted. How mindful are you?

Stand comfortably Keep your back straight, relax your shoulders and let your arms hang loosely. **Breathe consciously** It is important to inhale and exhale calmly and evenly. Succumb completely to the natural respiratory flow. For several breaths, observe consciously how you breathe in and out. Strengthen your body awareness This means consciously listening to your body and releasing tension. Place your focus on the positive Focussing on the good things makes you happy. When we focus on positive impressions, we remain able to act and our well-being increases. Use your senses Close your eyes. What do your immediate surroundings sound like? Are there any particular smells? Can you recognise an object from your surroundings by touch alone? Return to yourself slowly and open your eyes You should consciously perceive how you feel. Were there any special impressions or particular sensations? And then we continue slowly.

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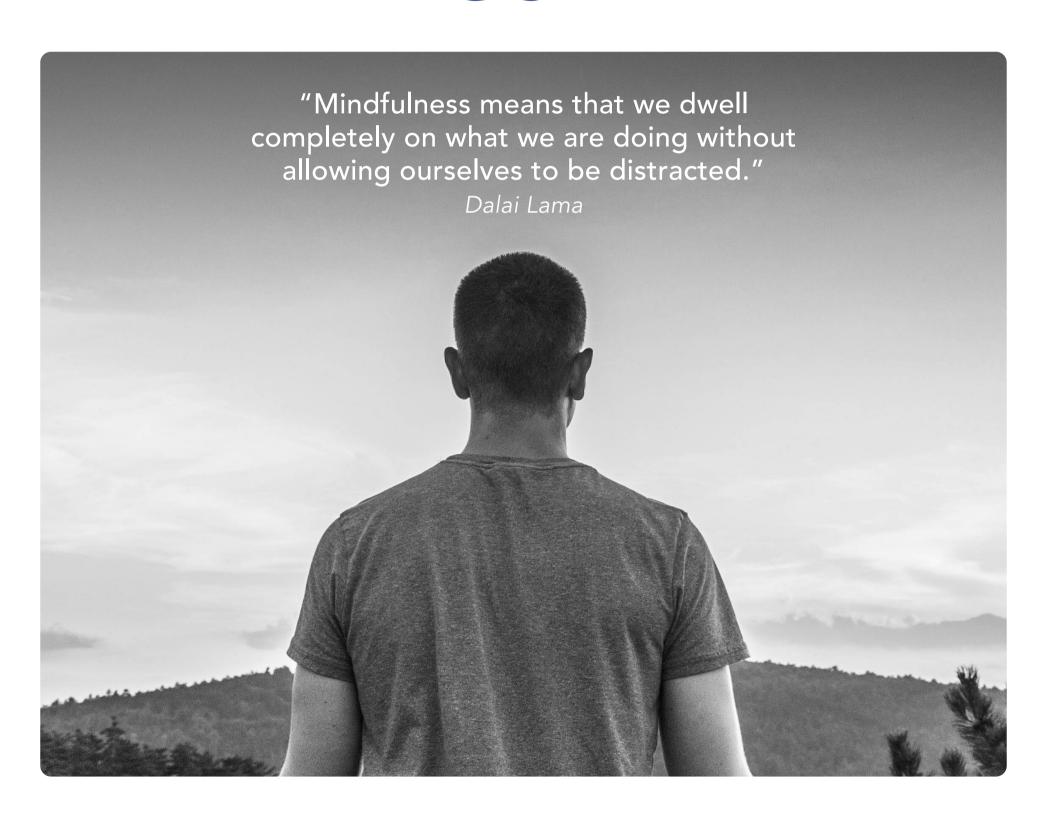








4 PERCEPTION GOAL





Train your mindfulness

Mindfulness is not just a technique or exercise, but an attitude towards life. Mindfulness means: being in the here and now, rather than constantly thinking about the past or worrying about the future. Mindfulness teaches us to value every moment: whether it is a meadow of flowers, a pleasant scent or somebody's smile.

Absolutely anyone can improve their mindfulness. There are many exercises that can easily be integrated into everyday life. So: Try it out and decide which exercises suit you best.