

## **Grounding Exercise**

## 5,4,3,2,1 TECHNIQUE

|     | Start: Take Three Deep Breaths Find a comfortable and safe spot to rest. Inhale deeply through your nose, counting to five. Hold your breath for a count of four. Exhale slowly through your mouth for a count of three. Repeat three times and focus on relaxing your body.      |
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|     | 5 - Sight: Identify and Acknowledge Five Objects Take time to look around and identify five things you can see. Identify each object out loud or in your mind.  |
|     | 4 - Touch: Acknowledge Four Things You Can Feel Pay attention to four objects or sensations you can feel. Acknowledge each sensation, saying them aloud or in your mind.  |
| 5   | 3 - Sound: Identify Three Things You Can Hear Listen to your surroundings and identify three things you can hear. Verbalise out loud or in your mind as you identify each sound.  |
|     | 2 - Smell: Name Two Things You Can Smell Take notice of two scents around you. Describe each scent either out loud or in your mind.   |
|     | 1 - Smell: Focus on One Thing You Can Taste If you can, focus on one thing you can taste. Describe the taste either out loud or in your mind.   |
| THE | Reflection: Take Another Deep Breath Inhale deeply through your nose, counting to five. Hold your breath for a count of four. Exhale slowly through your mouth for a count of three and focus on relaxing your body. Take a moment to reflect on how you feel after this exercise |