

# COPING STRATEGIES



## EXAMPLES OF COPING STRATEGIES:

1. Take deep breaths
2. Do a positive activity
3. Play sports
4. Think of something funny
5. Take a quick walk
6. Practice yoga
7. Stand up and stretch
8. Listen to music
9. Take a time out
10. Slowly count to ten
11. Use positive self-talk
12. Say something kind to yourself
13. Talk to a friend
14. Talk to an adult
15. Close your eyes and relax
16. Say, "I can do this"
17. Visualize your favorite place
18. Think of something happy
19. Think of a pet you love
20. Think about someone you love
21. Get enough sleep
22. Eat a healthy snack
23. Read a good book
24. Set a goal
25. Jog in place
26. Write in a journal
27. Hum your favorite song
28. Doodle on paper
29. Draw a picture
30. Color a coloring page
31. Clean something
32. Meditate
33. Use a stress ball
34. Dance
35. Write a letter
36. Look at pictures you've taken
37. Make a gratitude list
38. List your positive qualities
39. Do something kind
40. Give someone a hug
41. Put a puzzle together
42. Do something you love
43. Build something
44. Play with clay
45. Hug a stuffed animal
46. Rip paper into pieces
47. Play an instrument
48. Watch a good movie
49. Take pictures
50. Garden
51. Write a list
52. Keep a positive attitude
53. Schedule time for yourself
54. Blow bubbles
55. Write a positive note
56. Chew gum
57. Paint your nails
58. Write a story
59. Blog
60. Read a joke book
61. Write a poem
62. Drink cold water

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- 63. Draw cartoons
- 64. Read a magazine
- 65. Write a thank you note
- 66. Count to 100
- 67. Make a list for the future
- 68. Read inspirational quotes
- 69. Compliment yourself
- 70. Visualize a stop sign
- 71. Laugh
- 72. Smile in the mirror
- 73. Smile at others
- 74. Do schoolwork
- 75. Look at animal pictures
- 76. Hyperfocus on an object
- 77. Notice 5 things you can see
- 78. Paint with water colors
- 79. Use a relaxation app
- 80. Watch a funny video
- 81. Drink some tea
- 82. Cook or bake
- 83. Plan a fun trip
- 84. Use an I-statement
- 85. Identify your emotions
- 86. Express your feelings to someone
- 87. Write down your thoughts
- 88. Identify a positive thought
- 89. Make your day's schedule
- 90. List 10 positives about you
- 91. Ask yourself, "What do I need right now?"
- 92. Tell someone you are thankful for them
- 93. Pet an animal
- 94. Make a list of choices
- 95. Ask an adult for help
- 96. Organize something
- 97. Play a card game
- 98. Listen to nature sounds
- 99. Sit and relax all your muscles
- 100. Ask for a break

CAN YOU THINK OF ANY MORE?