# Coping with

COVID



YOU CAN DO THIS



This booklet was put together by Anna and Dee

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People care about you so if you need help ASK! Hello Everyone... Ralph here...

Be kind to yourself today Remember things will get better

If you do the things in this book you will start to feel better



This is a hard time for everyone.



It is hard being in prison at this time.



It is OK to feel lots of strong feelings.



It is normal to feel this way.



Be kind to yourself.



Look at the list of what is helpful.



If you do the things on this list it may help.

## Helpful





Get up same time each day



Shower and get dressed



Exercise or Dance to music in cell



Prison Radio try something new like mindfulness or yoga



## Helpful



Watch something funny or remember something funny Make yourself laugh



Be Creative -

Colouring, draw a picture, make something, make up a song



Breathe in...1234
Breathe out...12345678



Stay in the moment...

What can I do now?



# NOT Helpful



Watching news



Thinking too much



Beating yourself up for feeling bad

Blame others



Do nothing

# What can I do?



# Tick off creative things I Can do

	Draw a picture	
	Colour in	
7	Make up a song	
	Sing a song	
	Matching	
1	Puzzles	

# Tick off physical things I Can do

Sit ups	
Stretching	
Running on the spot	
Dancing	
Yoga	

But remember if you are doing any moving activity to make sure your body is ready by stretching before and after

#### **Connect List**



Talk to staff



Draw or make something for someone

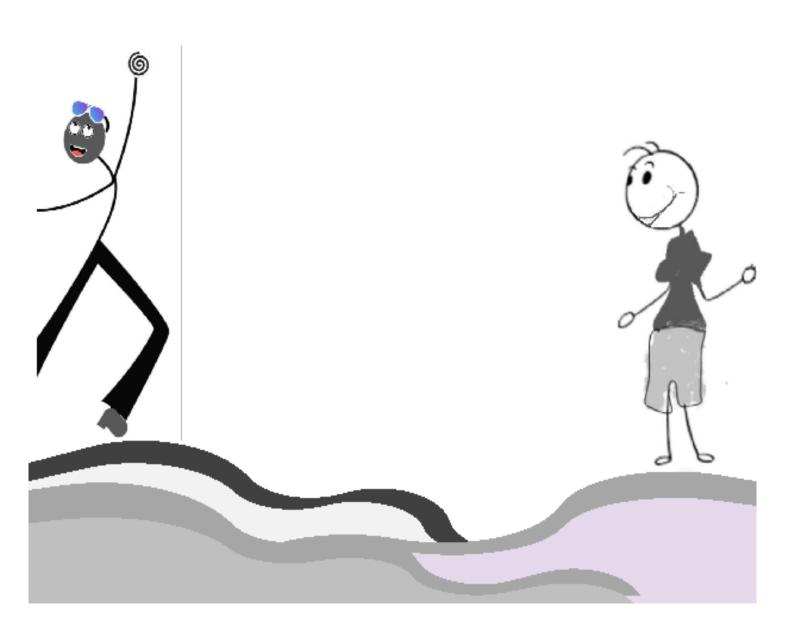


Write note for friend



Think about friend.. What would they say to you?

# What else makes me feel good and how can I do it?





### On the hour I will

1234....

.....12345678

Notice and slow my breathing...

In for 4, out for 8

Do grounding exercise..











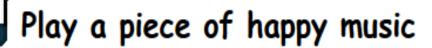
5 things I can see

4 things I can hear

3 things I can touch

2 things I can smell

1 thing I can taste





### Help Ralph find words

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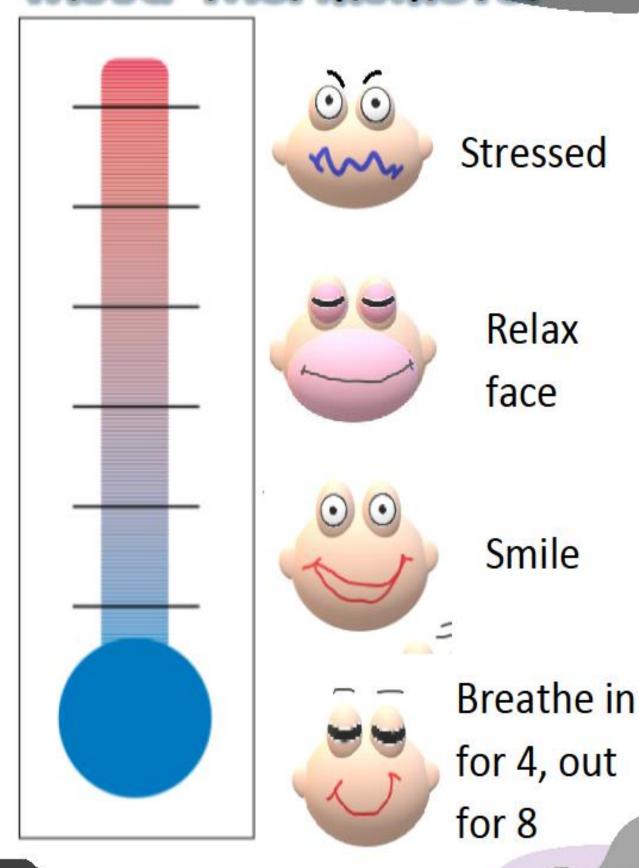
BREATHE COVID CREATIVE DANCE EXERCISE FEEL **FEELINGS** FRIEND GROUNDING HANDS HELPFUL NORMAL PICTURE PRISON RUNNING SING SMELL STRETCH TASTE

THINKING

WASH



### Mood thermometer





**PROUD** 



**SCARED** 



**NERVOUS** 



**HAPPY** 



SAD



**ANGRY** 



**FUSTRATED** 



**EMBARRASSED** 



LONELY



LOVED

Tell

me

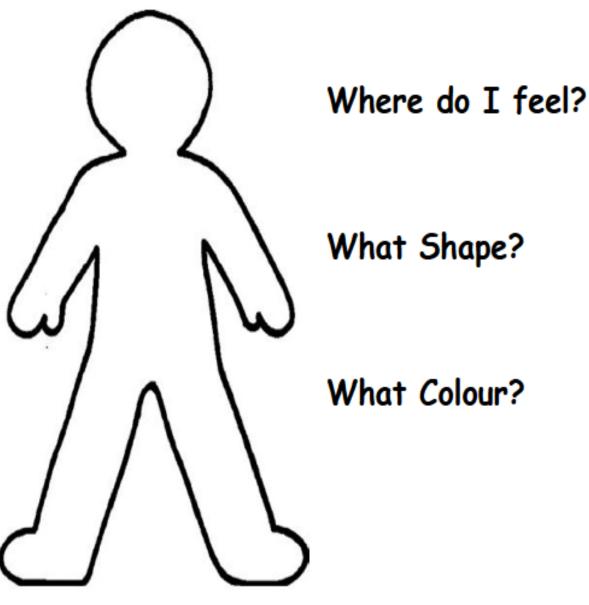
how

you

feel

today

### This is how I feel today



What can I say to be kind to these feelings?

# If I tap on these places I can free my feelings...



TOP OF HEAD X 10

BY EYEBROW X 10

SIDE OF EYE X 10

UNDER EYE X 10

UNDER NOSE X 10

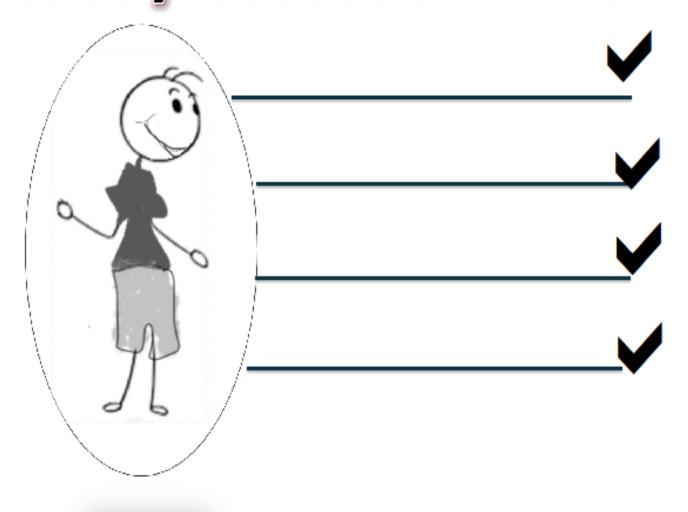
CHIN X 10

COLLAR BONE X 10

SIDE OF HAND X 10

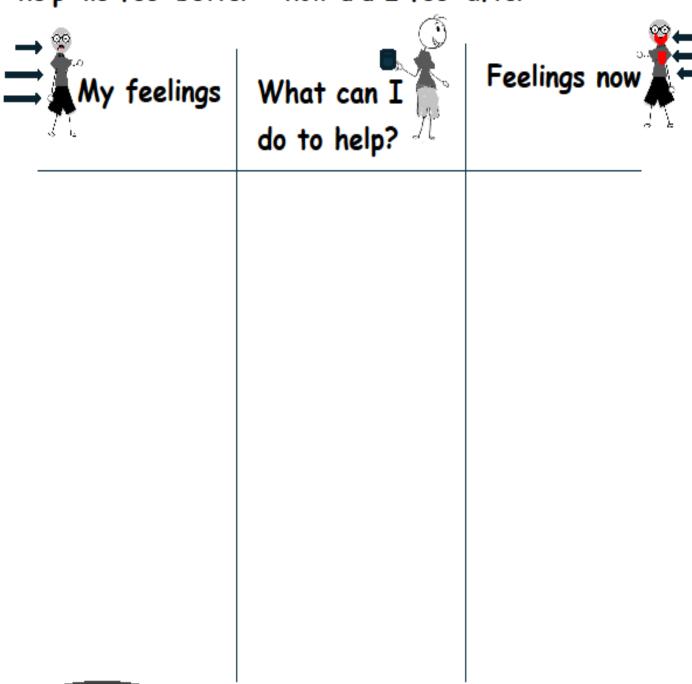
### I am proud of me

### today because I have...



# My Diary...

Write down how I feel - what did I do to help me feel better - how did I feel after?









The mind bully is just thoughts in our head.

He can tell us things that make us scared, angry and bad about ourselves



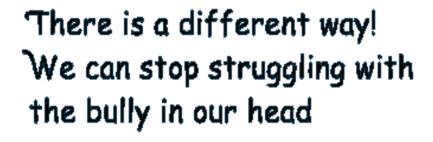
If we argue with him he gets louder



If we push him away he gets stronger



If we do as he tells us he keeps coming back





The mind bully is scared – so try making friends with him



Tell him together we'll be OK



Thank the bully in your head for trying to help.

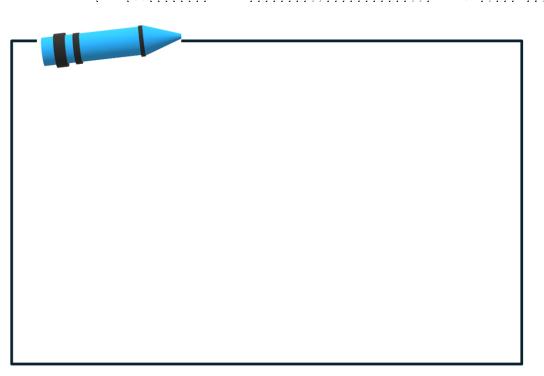


Do something that makes you feel proud and smile anyway

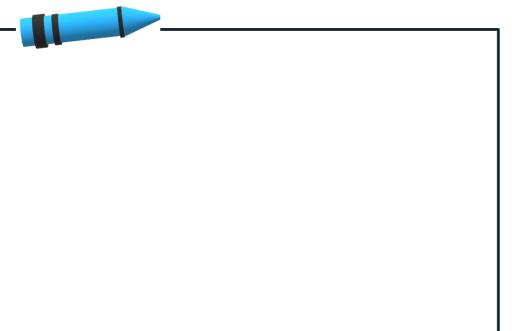


Remember the mind bully is not who you are

You are doing great



Draw a picture of your mind bully



Now draw the mind bully again.

Cheer him up

Put smile on face.

Dress in a funny outfit





Look out the window.

Look at the sky. Can you see a cloud?



Does it stay the same or change?



Clouds are like thoughts they change all of the time

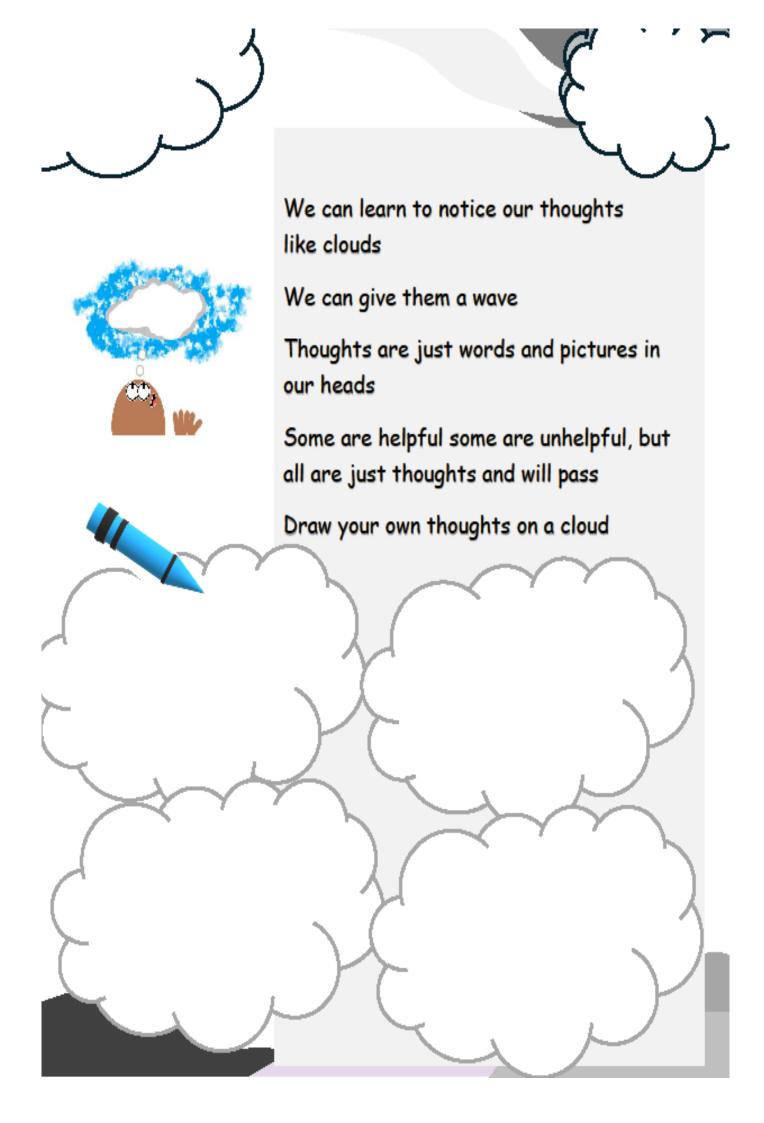


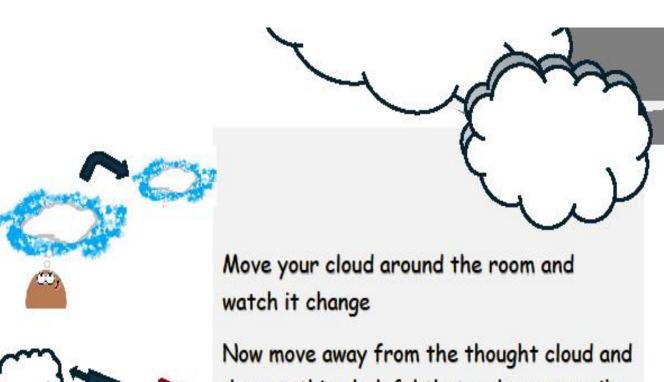
Just like clouds our thoughts will always move on



Everything changes and moves on

Everyone has thoughts that are scary, angry, sad or happy







do something helpful that makes you smile



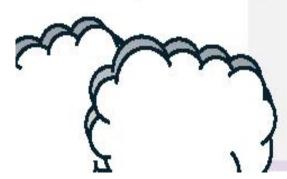
The cloud is still there but you don't need to put all your attention on it



When you have done a thought cloud you could give it to a member of staff to keep for you.



This can help make room for more sunshine and space for you to do things that make you feel good



### Do you like music?



If you have scary or unhelpful thoughts - remember they are just words



You can put these words to a fun tune.



Maybe to the tune 'happy birthday'



This can change the way these words make you feel



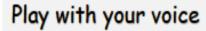
They are only silly words not facts



Have a go at singing these words - how does that make you feel?



Move your body





and know things will get better



Like your thought clouds this situation will pass

Things will get better





Draw a picture of a person who has helped you and shown you kindness. You could just write their name or put a photo of them here.

What would they say to you now?

What kind words would they use?

How does this make you feel?

What could vou do today to make them proud?

#### Draw the <u>ME</u> I am most proud of..

What am I doing?

How do I look?

Where am I?

Who am I with?

How do I sound?



Stick this up on the wall

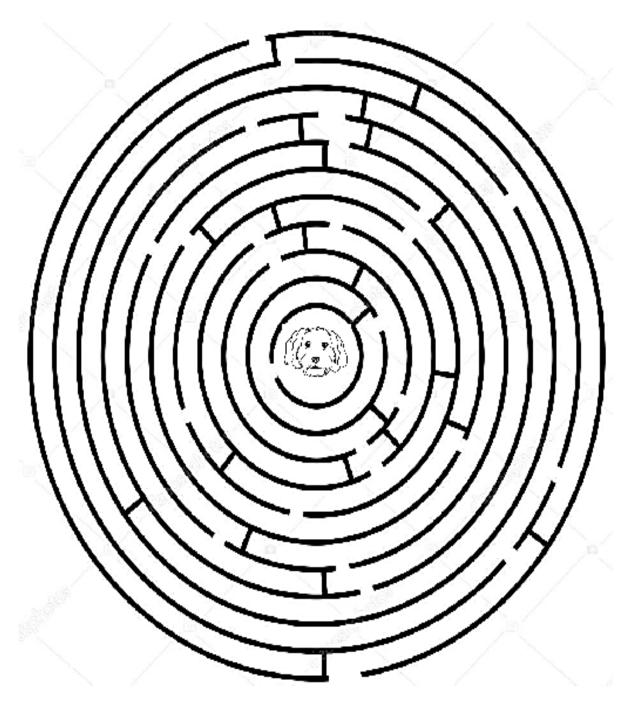
I can work towards this ME everyday

Things won't always be like this Hello Everyone... Ralph here...

Can't wait to see you all again soon



### RALPH IS LOST IN THE MAZE...



CAN YOU HELP HIM GET OUT?