## 10 -1 COUNTDOWN BREATHING TECHNIQUE FOR RELAXATION

THE PARASYMPATHETIC NERVOUS SYSTEM HELPS US CALM DOWN WHEN WE ARE TOO EXCITED.

## **FOLLOW THESE STEPS**

- Relax your jaw, shoulders & stomach
- Inhale very slowly through your nose and exhale evenly breathing as you count down.
- Start counting down 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1-0
- Take another deep breath in slowly and exhale slowly
- Notice how you feel. (You should feel calmer.) Repeat as needed.

WHEN WE GET UPSET, NERVOUS OR ANXIOUS, WE CAN TRIGGER OUR PARASYMPATHETIC NERVOUS SYSTEM TO CALM OURSELVES DOWN USING THE A SIMPLE TECHNIQUE CALLED 5-5-5 BREATHING.



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