



# depth





# Making friends







#### Dr. Laurie Santos,

Yale University sk Unladylike: Happiness vs. Toxic Positivity episodes/116/ask-unladylike-happiness 5/18/21



## People feel "time famished."

BUT people actually "have more free time NOW than they did 5 or 10 Dr. Laurie Santos, years ago." **Yale University** 

Ask Unladylike: Happiness vs. Toxic Positivity



# "The problem is the free time we have is broken up into really stupid chunks." Dr. Laurie Santos,

**Yale University** 

Ask Unladylike: Happiness vs. Toxic Positivity

https://unladylike.co/episodes/116/ask-unladylike-happiness 5/18/21



# Pairs: What could you d in those 3-10 minute chunks? Write your ideas?

Note: you want to be happier, not more productive.



### Pairs: What could you d in those 3-10 minute chunks?

Go for a walk outside.

Have a cup of soup.

Listen to a song that will make u ©. Stretch OR Exercise.



# Pairs: What could you d in those 3-10 minute chunks?

#### Your ideas:



### Just smile

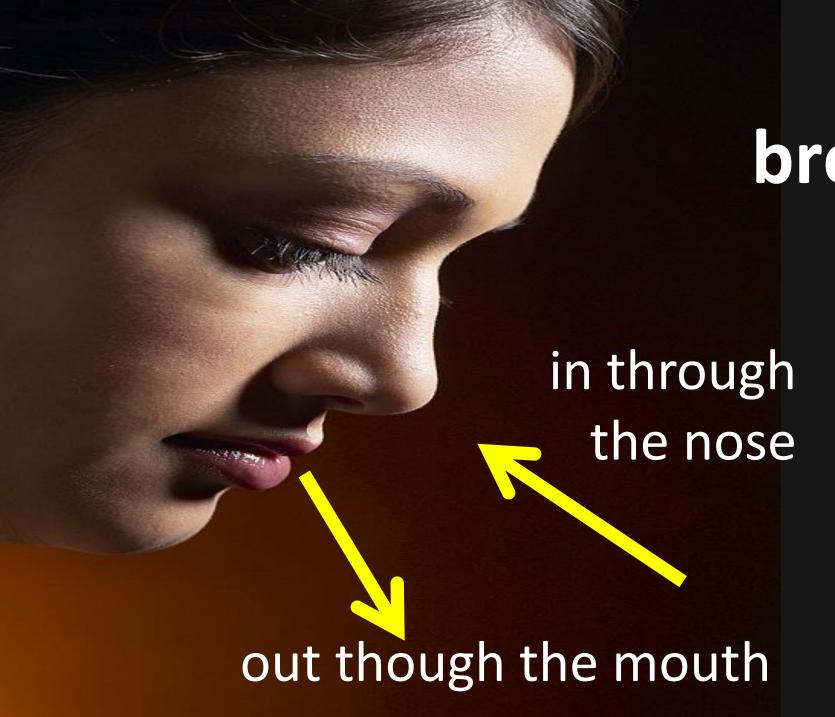


### Enjoy the



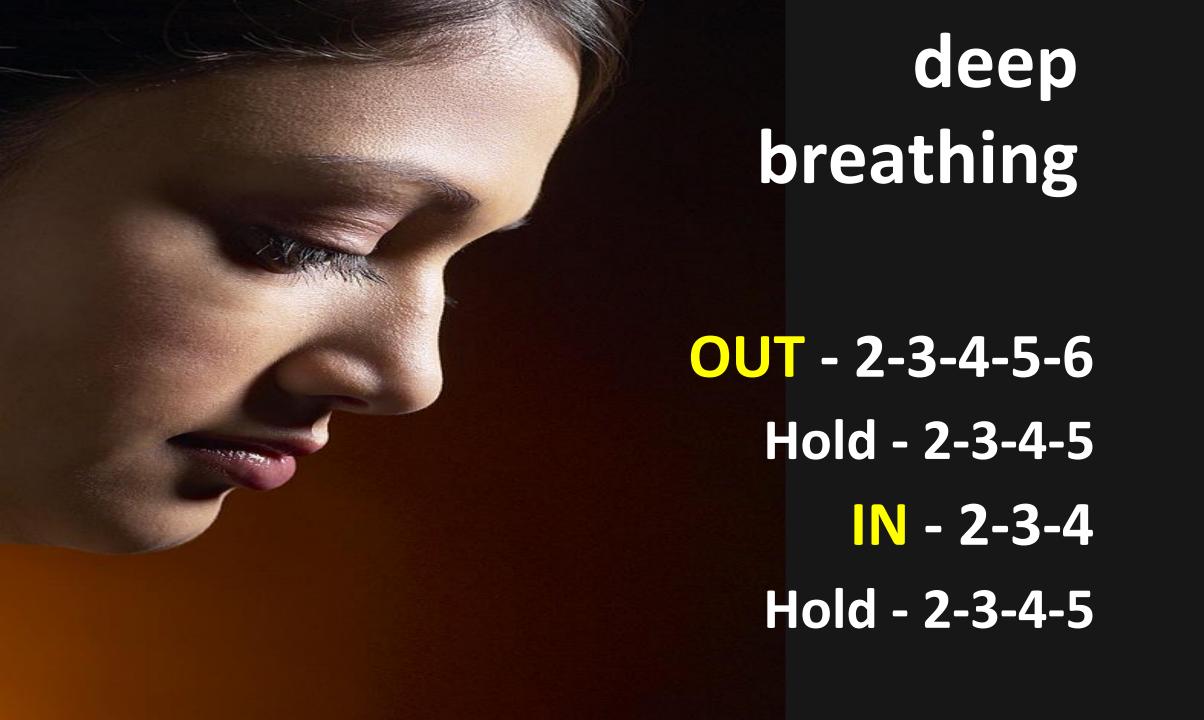
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### Pablo Heimplatz @ Unsplash EXERCISE





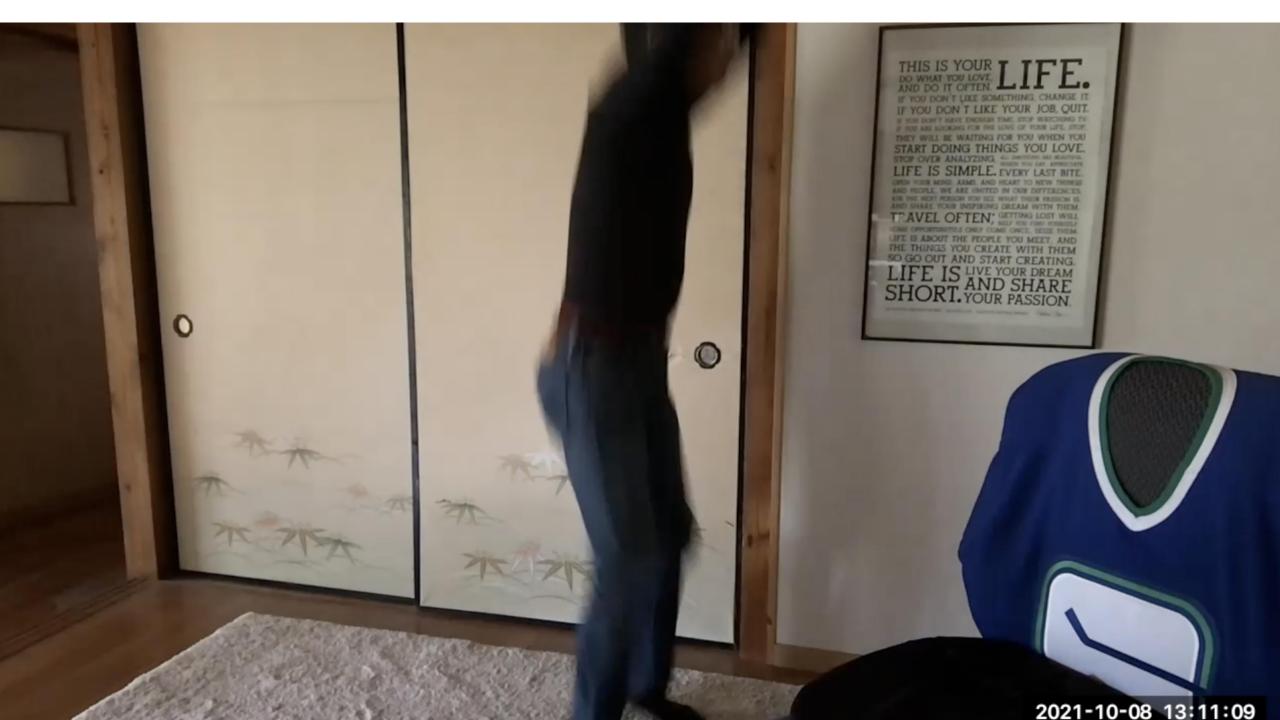


















What are 5 exercises you could do right here, right now?



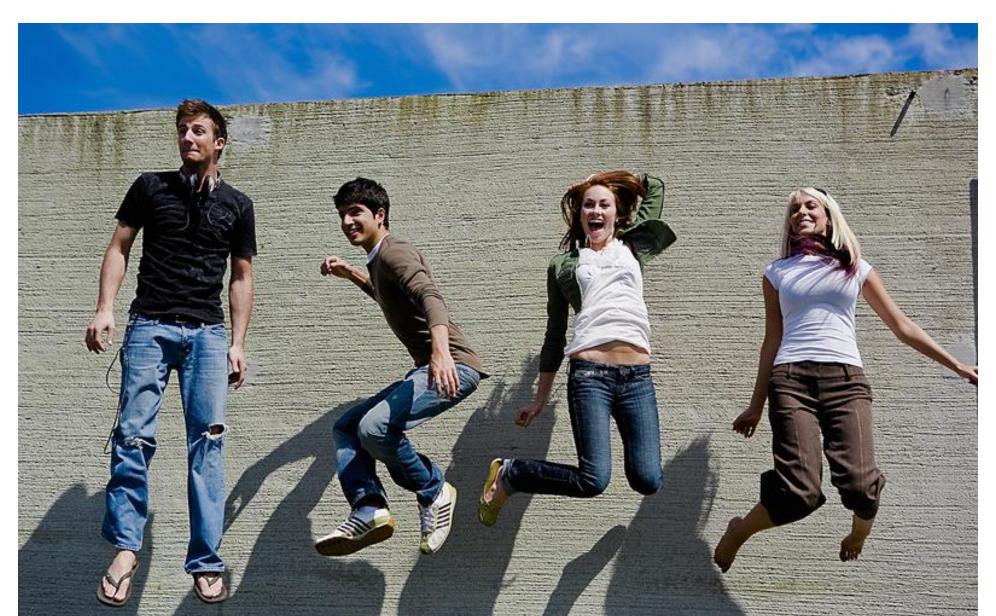
# Your ideas:





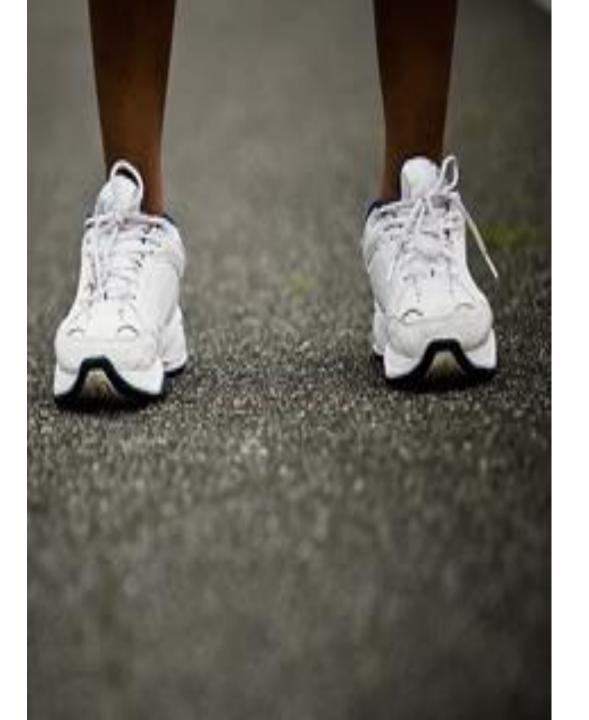
Here are some more.

## jumping



## balancing





# running in place

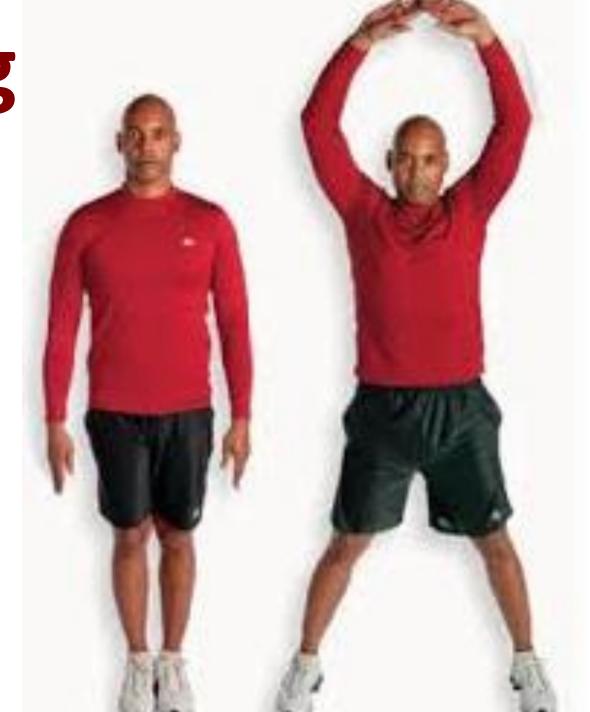
# touching your toes

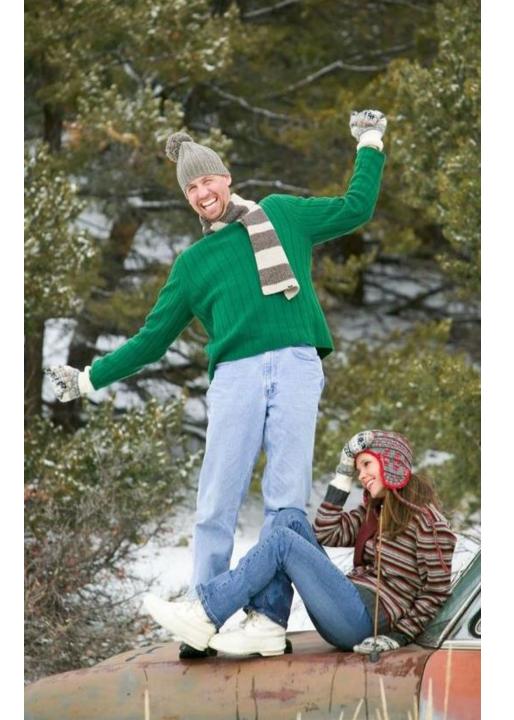




# doing squats

# jumping jacks





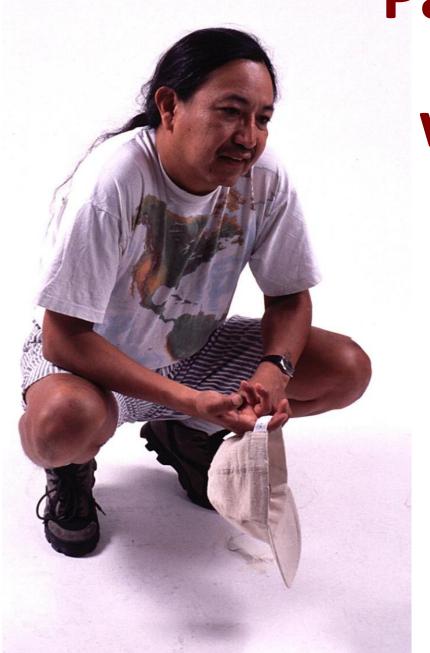
# stretching

Work with a partner.

Do an exercise.

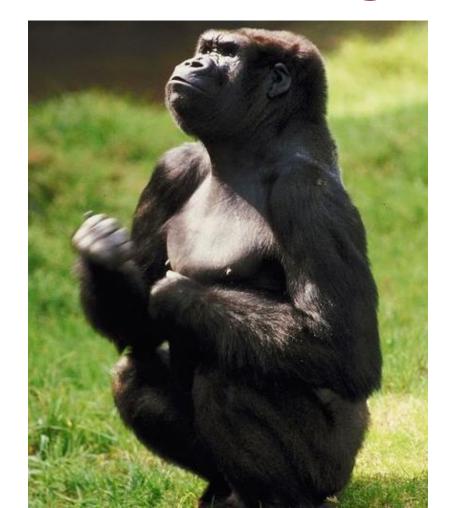
Partner, match it.





Partner, when you

want to change...



make an "X" with your arms. You start the next one.



# Do this for 1 minute.



00:00:59





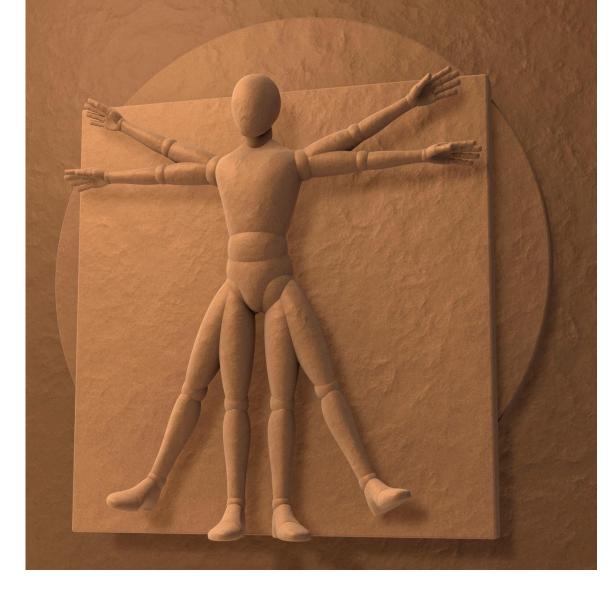






Why move in English class?

Your body is like a



"second brain"

Your body is like a

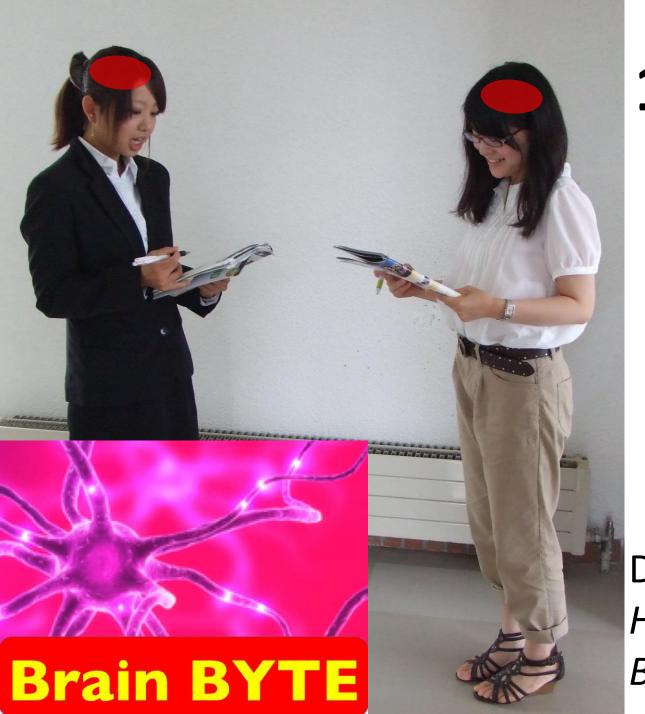


"second brain"



How long
20 your
mintHeents
sit in
class?

Blood build-up



### 1 minute



15%

David A. Sousa

How the

Brain Learns

# I DON'T suggest:

Checking your phone.

FOMA. (Fear Of Missing Out)

Boyes, A. (2019) <a href="https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/in-practice">https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/in-practice</a> /201903/7-reasons-people-check-email-constantly





Checking your phone.

Distracting activities easier than productive ones

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< Mailboxes

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Checking your phone.

You're not







Mailboxes

Inbox



### My fav



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Physical Activity in the **ELT class** 

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# Task: How many "Questions words" do you know? Write them.

Who What When Where Why How

Is Are Do Did Have Had



# 3 minutes for positivity

# 3-minute pairwork

# Topic: What is an experience you really enjoyed?

# What is an experience you really enjoyed?



1 minute
The La Time of

## Think Time

What do I want to say?

How will I say it?



# What is an experience you really enjoyed?

Pairwork

A speaks. 1 minute.

B ask questions.

Check (√) question words.

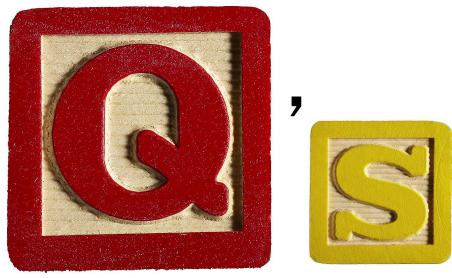
# The "question words" kept the conversation going.



## How do you feel now?

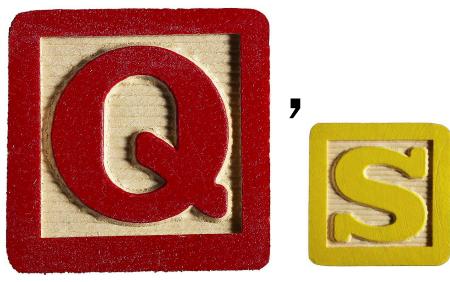
You "re-experienced" that happy time.





# Language learning: discourse strategy





### Positive psychology: Active Constructive Response









### Your partner got a job promotion.

Active
Constructive
Wow. Great.
Tell me all
about it.

Passive Destructive
That's nice.
What's for dinner?

Passive
Constructive
Wow. Great.

That's nice.

**Active Destructive** 

Oh. Now you are going to be even busier than now.

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# 3 minutes for positivity



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**Note to teachers:** These are short positive psychology fluency exercises. They are designed to build gratitude (**g**), positive emotion (**pe**) and mindfulness (**m**). They are very short and, if you use them as a warm-up, get the lesson off to a good start. Also see the "**Take it deeper**" idea below. for the gratitude and positive emotion topics.

- Who loves you? (g•pe) Work in pairs. Who loves you? It doesn't have to be romantic love. It could be your best friend. Your parents. Your pet. Anyone. When do feel loved? Take 1 minute *Thinking Time*. Then tell your partner about it. Partner, ask questions. 1 minute each.
- Who do you love? (g•pe) Work in pairs. Who do you love? It doesn't have to be romantic love. It could be your best friend. Your parents. Your pet. Anyone. How do you show your love? Take 1 minute *Thinking Time*. Then tell your partner. Partner, ask questions. 1 minute each.
- **Something good this week.** (**pe**) Work in pairs. What is something good that happened this week? Take 1 minute *Thinking Time* What will you say? How will you say it? Then tell your partner. Partner, ask questions. 1 minute each.
- Yoga breathing#1. (m) Students, close your eyes. Breath out though your mouth. Then hold your breath. Then breath in through your nose. Then hold. Teacher: Lead them through this, counting slowly. Out 2-3-4-5-6. Hold 2-3-4-5. In 2-3-4. Hold 2-3-4-5. Continue for about 2 minutes.
- **Favorite food**. (**pe**) Work in pairs. What is a food you really, really enjoy? Take 1 minute *Thinking Time* What makes it so good? What is it made of? When and where do you eat it? How will you say it? Then tell your partner. Partner, ask questions. 1 minute each.

#### Take it deeper



Before the activity, have students write as many "question words" as they can. Of course, the "WHwords" (who, what, were, etc.) are good. They can also write other words like is/are, do/did, can/could, etc. When they are speaking, their partner asks as many questions as possible. They check ( $\checkmark$ ) the words they use. They are practicing "keeping the conversation going." The questions help the first speaker remember the positive experience more deeply. These become "active constructive" questions.

See Flourish by Seligman (2011, p. 49) for more.





### 3 more minutes

### Choose a topic.

**Blue = mindfulness** 

Black "g/pe" = gratitude/ positive emotion

Do it with a partner.

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Science of [happiness]



Dr. Arthur Aron SUNY – Stony Brook

The Experimental Generation of Interpersonal Closeness: A Procedure and some **Preliminary Findings** 

> Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin April 1997

# 36 questions

Pairs.

3 sets of 12 questions each. Both members answer each. About 20 minutes for each set.

#### Set one

- #2 Would you like to be famous? In what way?
- #6 If you were able to live to the age of 90 and retain either the mind or body of a 30-year old for the last 60 years of you life, which would you want?

## Try it!

5 minutes.



#### Set two

- #15 What is the greatest accomplishment of your life?
- #19 If you knew that in one year you would died suddenly, would you change anything about the way you are now living? Why?

## Try it!

5 minutes.



#### Set three

#26 Complete this sentence:
"I wish I had someone with whom I could share…"
(分かち合う)

#30 When did you last cry in front of another person? By yourself?

## Try it!

5 minutes.



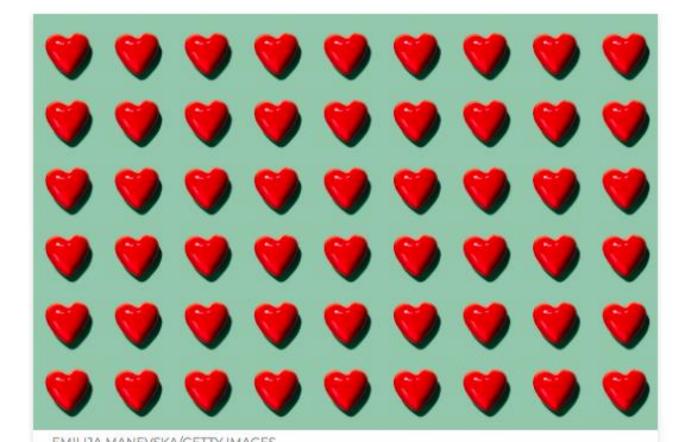


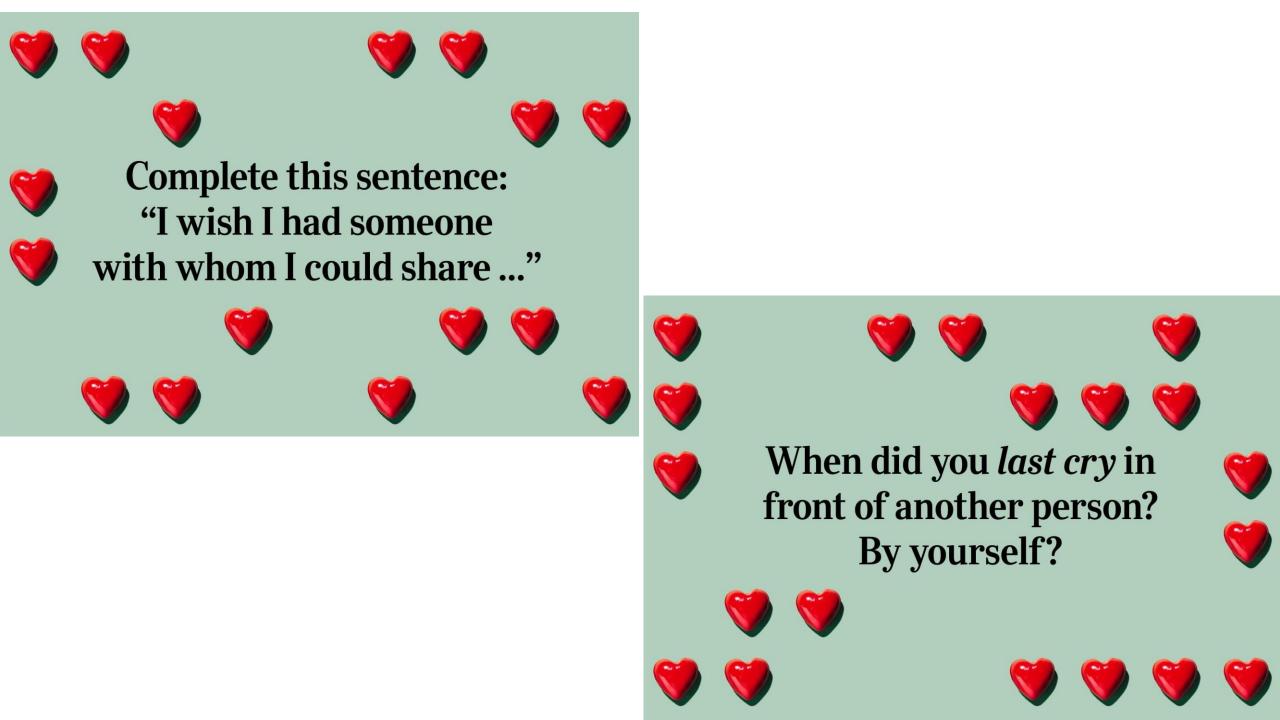


#### The 36 Questions That Can Make You Fall in Love with Anyone



This quiz from psychologist Arthur Aron has helped boost intimacy between thousands of strangers, resulting in friendship, romance, and even marriage.





#### Changes for EFL task

Simplified language #2 Would you like to be famous? In what way?

#2 Would you like to be famous?
For what?

# Changes for EFL task Simplified language

#6 If you were able to live to the age of 90 and retain either the mind or body of a 30-year old for the last 60 year of you life, which would you want?

→ Imagine you could live to the age of 90.
You can either have the mind of a

# Changes for EFL task Simplified language

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#### Changes for EFL task

Student choose their questions:

Spend 3 minutes looking at the questions.

Check ( $\sqrt{}$ ) the ones that seem interesting.

Now talk for 10 minutes.

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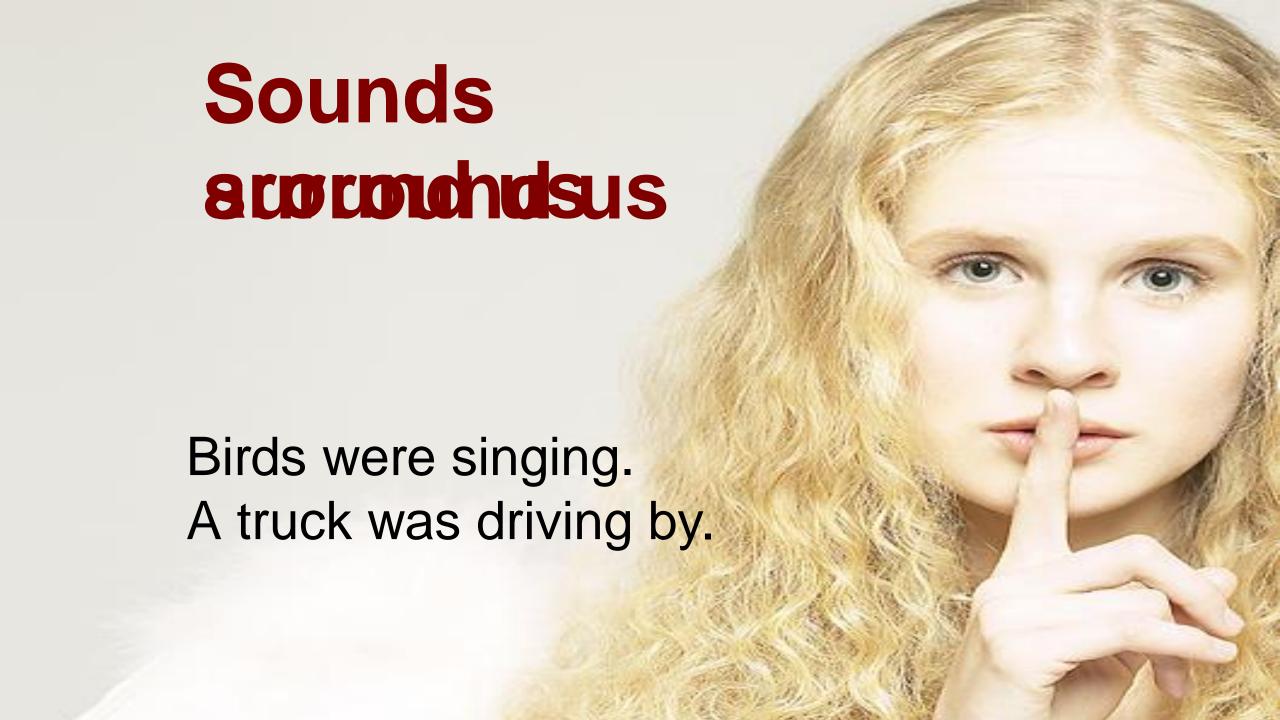
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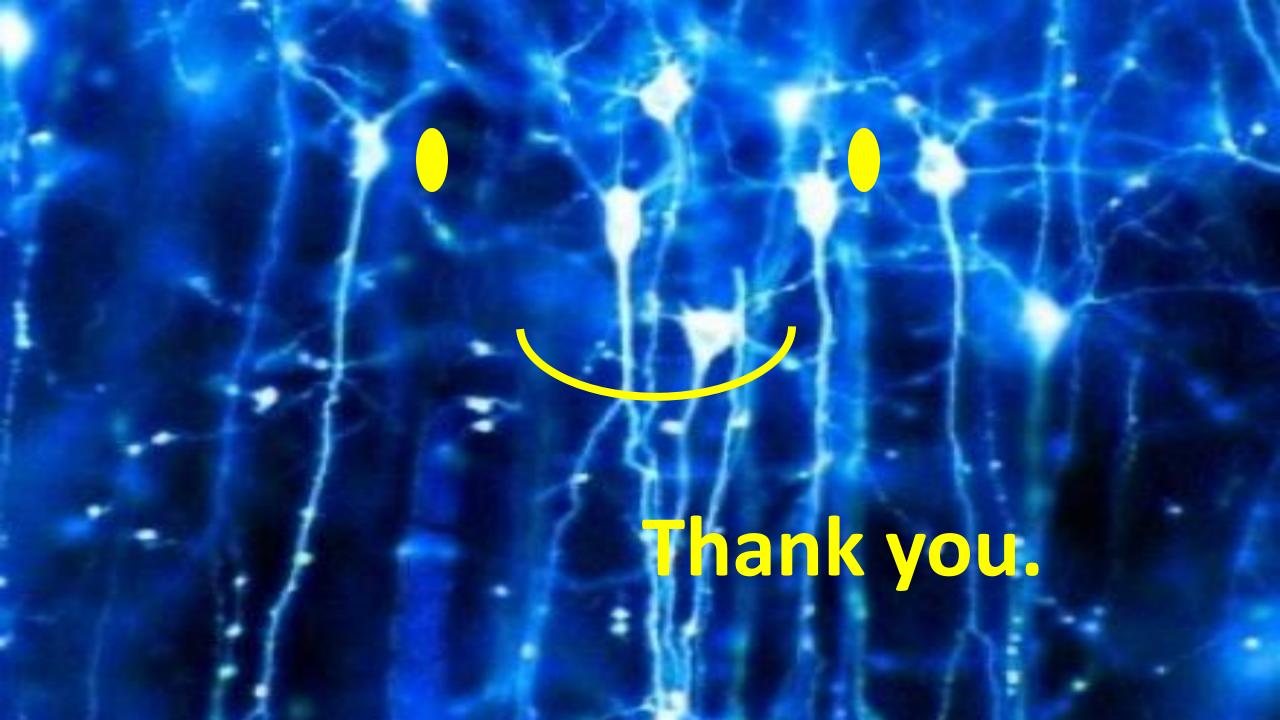




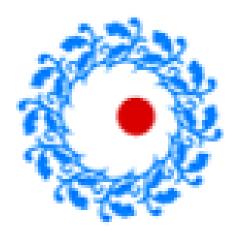
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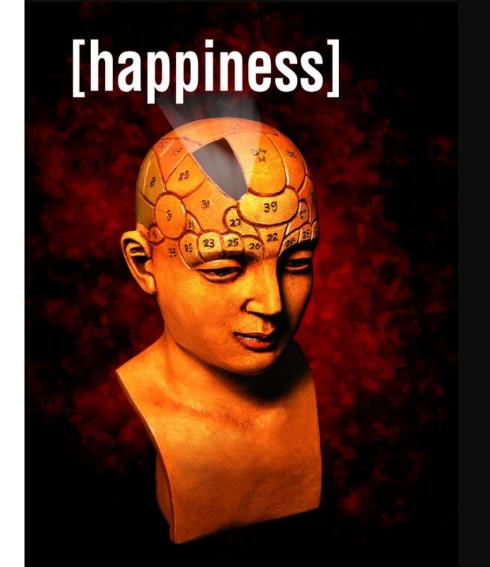


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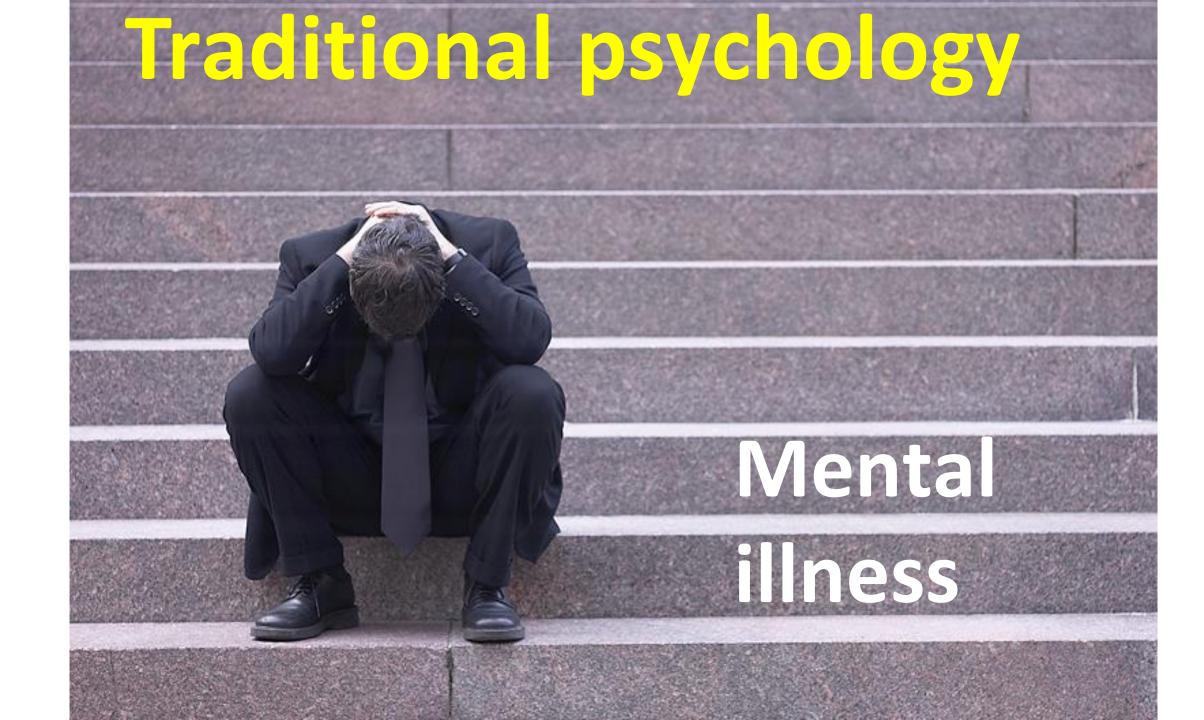


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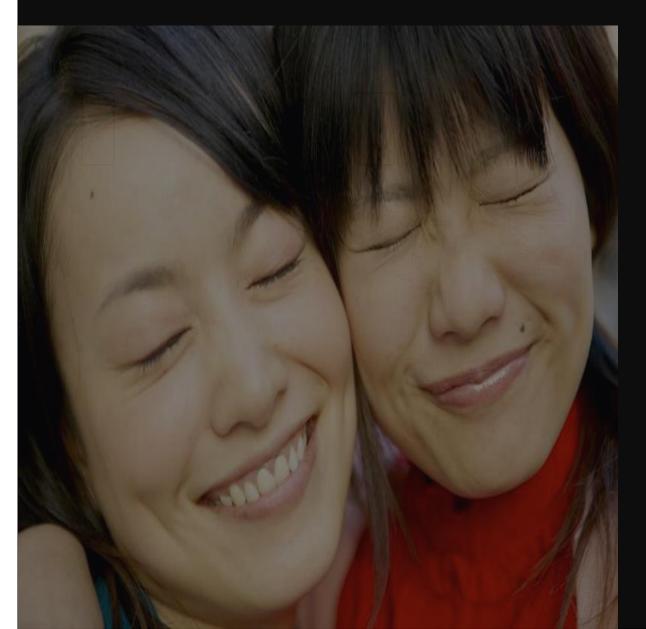
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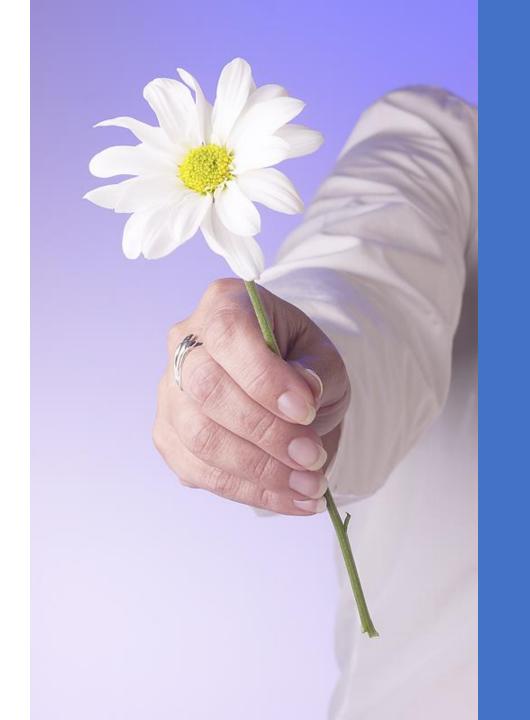
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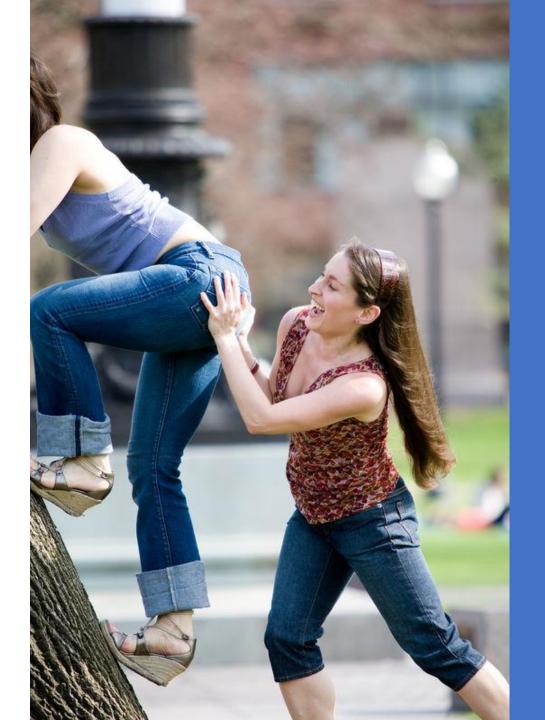
What's going on with happy, mentally healthy people?

Mental health





Say, "thank you."



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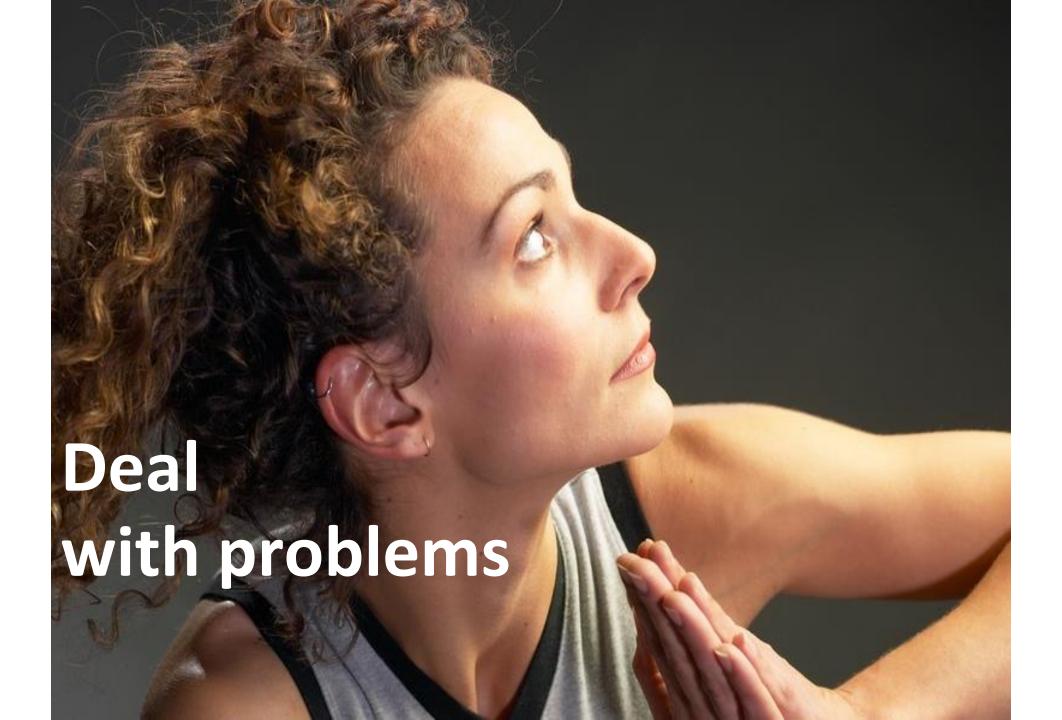






#### Stay healthy





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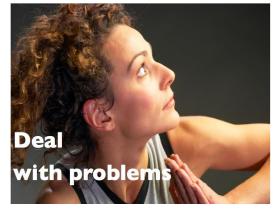
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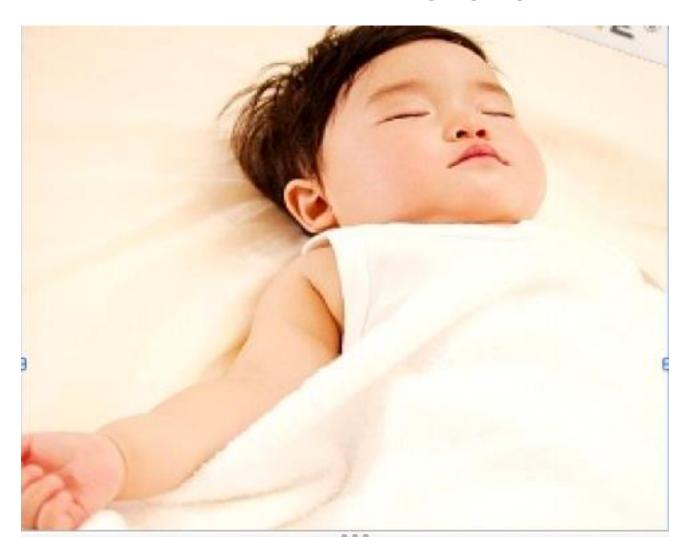
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A Chinese proverb:

#### If you want to be happy

for an hour —-

Take a nap



#### If you want to be happy

for a day —-

Go fishing



#### If you want to be happy

for a month —-

Get married



#### If you want to be happy

for an year --Inherit a lot of money



#### If you want to be happy









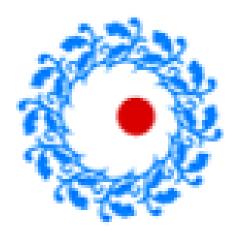




# Random acts of kindness



### Pechallucha



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#### Your brain Your body

#### **Neurons:**

85 billion

500 million

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identified:

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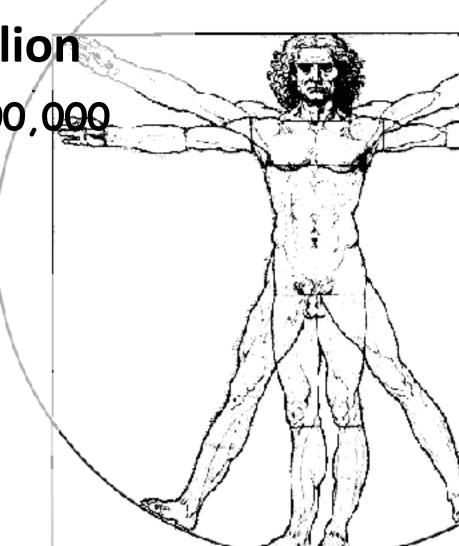
**Dopamine production:** 

50% 50% Serotonin production

5% 95%

**Both affect blood flow** 

Source: New
Scientist &
neuroscience
stuff.tumblr.com





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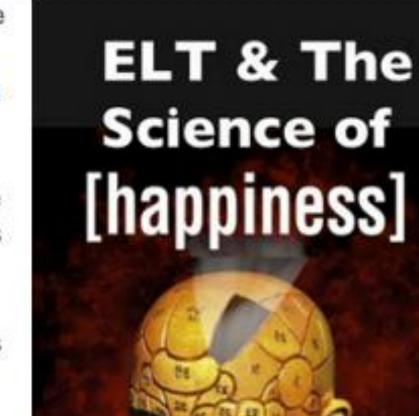
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Say, "thank you."



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#### Snack time! Here you are!











#### Teen brain not fully developed

## Forgive yourself





#### Stay healthy





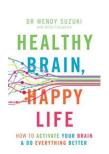


Why is exercise so important?

A single workout...

#### Single workout:

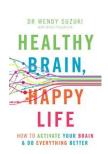
Improves your reaction time





#### Single workout:

Increases your ability to pay attention.



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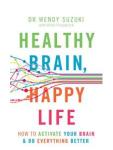
Increases brain chemicals\*:

**Dopamine (memory & motivation)** 

**Serotonin (memory)** 

Noradrenaline

(better mood)

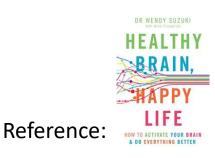




#### Long-term workouts:

## Increase attention & positive mood

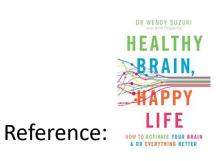




#### Long-term workouts:

## Give you a better memory

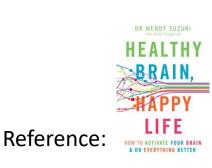




#### Long-term workouts:

Protect your brain from aging &















### The basketball game

Watch the video.

How many passes does
the team in WHITE make?

Count how many times the players wearing white pass the ball

















**TALK to someone** 

Don't KITY: Keep It To Yourself

**Exercise** 

Meditate or try yoga (breathing)
Get enough sleep

Time for yourself for FUN/what you enjoy hot baths / laugh more/ eat well...

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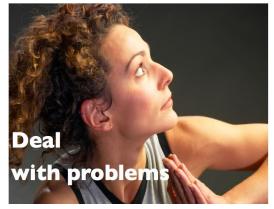
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"to attend to, appreciate, and enhance positive experiences" - Bryant & Veroff

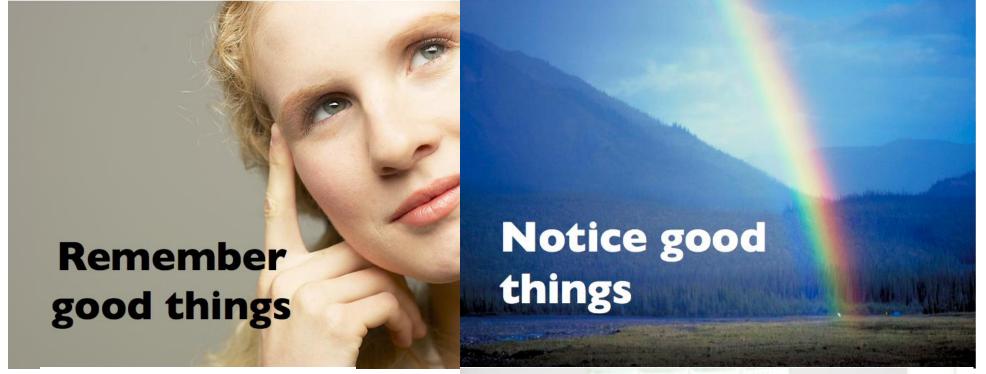


"pay attention to, be thankful for, and make positive experiences stronger" **Bryant & Veroff** (paraphrased)















3 good things, today!

### 3 good things happened today!

This is an activity from positive psychology -- the "science of happiness"

Each day this week, think of three good things that happened?

They can be big things or little things.

Write them. Why did they happen?

Write a reason.

#### Example:

Good thing 1 Dinner tasted great tonight.

Why? My mom's a good cook.

OR I was really hungry.

OR PIZZA is my favorite.

OR I helped make dinner.

Day one:	day	
Good thing: ①		
Why?		
2		
Why?		
3		
Day two:	day	
Good thing: ①		
\A/h)		



#### Ideas:

- good food
- · friends and family
- a beautiful day
- something...
  - ... that was fun
  - ... nice someone did
  - ... nice you did
  - ... that made you smile
  - ... that made you laugh
- · someone...
  - ...helped you
  - ... said something nice.
  - ... said, "Thank you."



**Science Fact:** People who do this everyday for a week are usually happier for the **next six months**. They feel better, are less depressed and continue noticing good things.

Sources: Seligman, M. 2011. Fourth. New York: Free Press, p. 33-34. and Seligman, M., Stean, T., Park, N. & Peterson, C.
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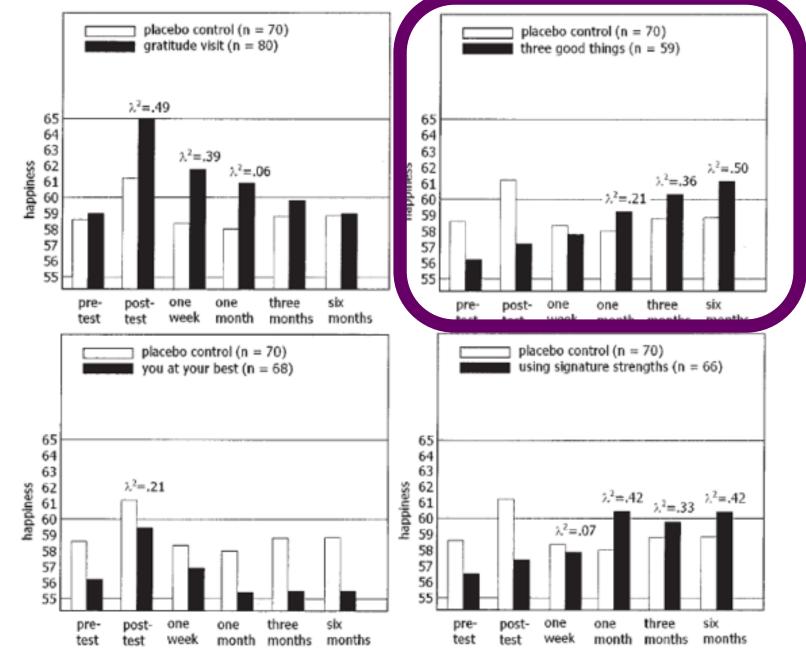


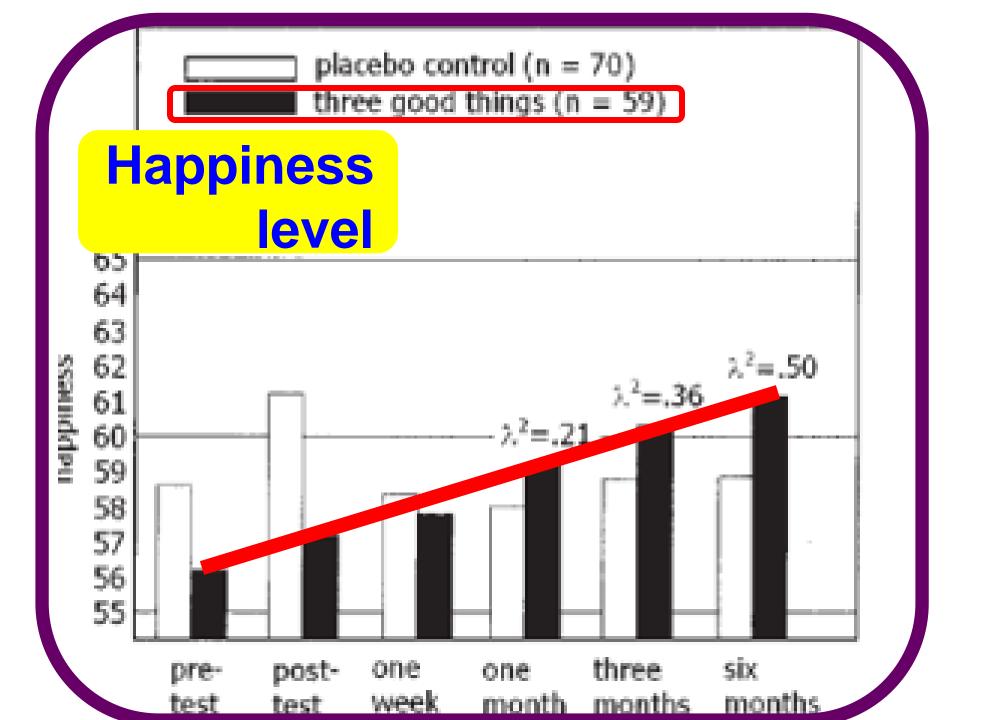
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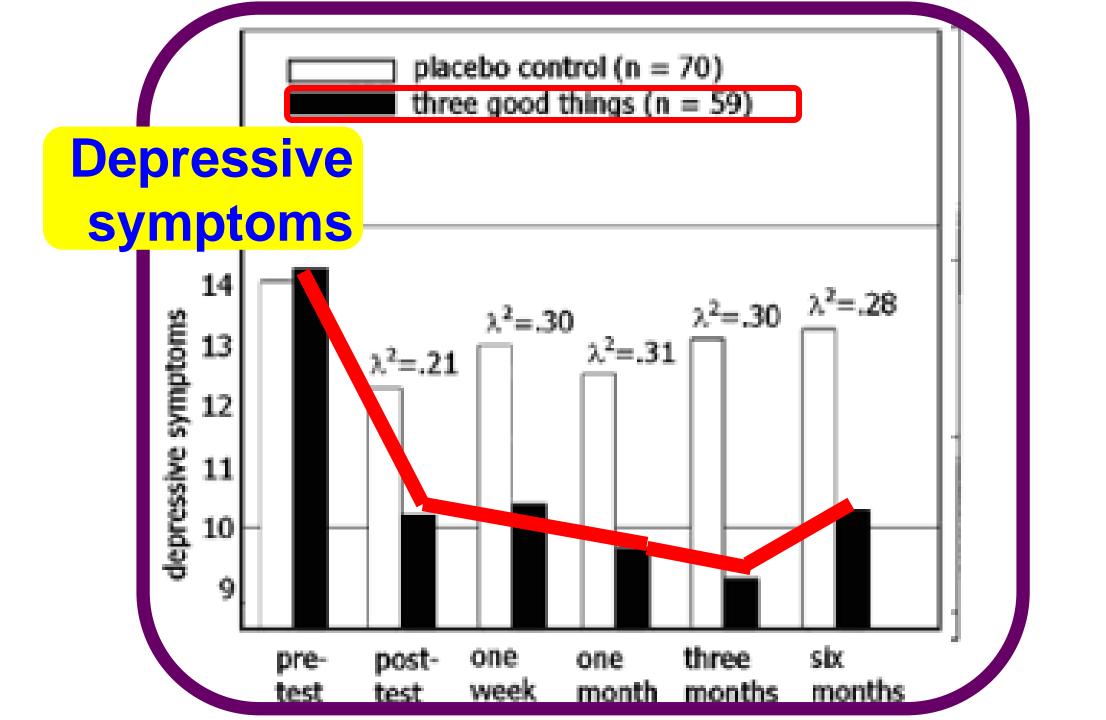


## Brain BYTE

Figure 1 Steen Happiness Index Scores









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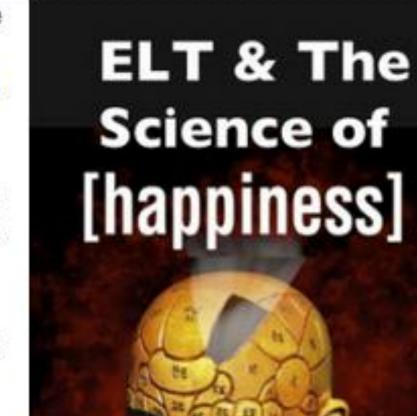
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A metaphor borrowed\*

and expanded on from Tal ben-Shahar

\* Sounds better than "stolen"





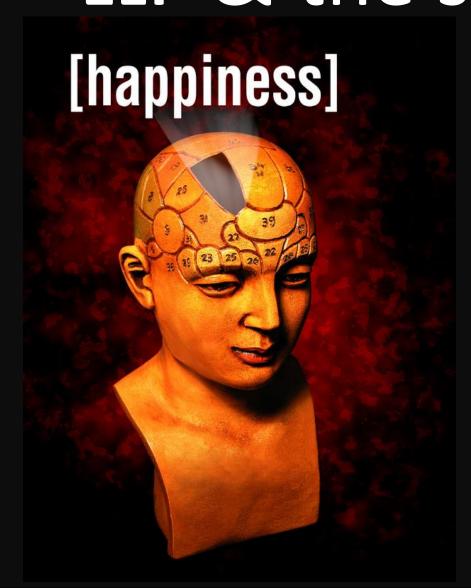




$$9^{1/2} + 10 + 9^{1/2}$$
  
 29 noise



### ELT & the science of



Q & maybe A

OCTOBER 18, 2006 WWW.line.com



2 reactions:

Great!

Great, but...

### A strategy: Steal time

#### 10 minutes for a...

- warm-up
- cool-down task
- an energy builder
- a fluency task





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おやつの時間です。 どうぞ

