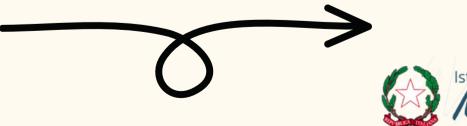


Tool n. 21 Elements of mindfulness



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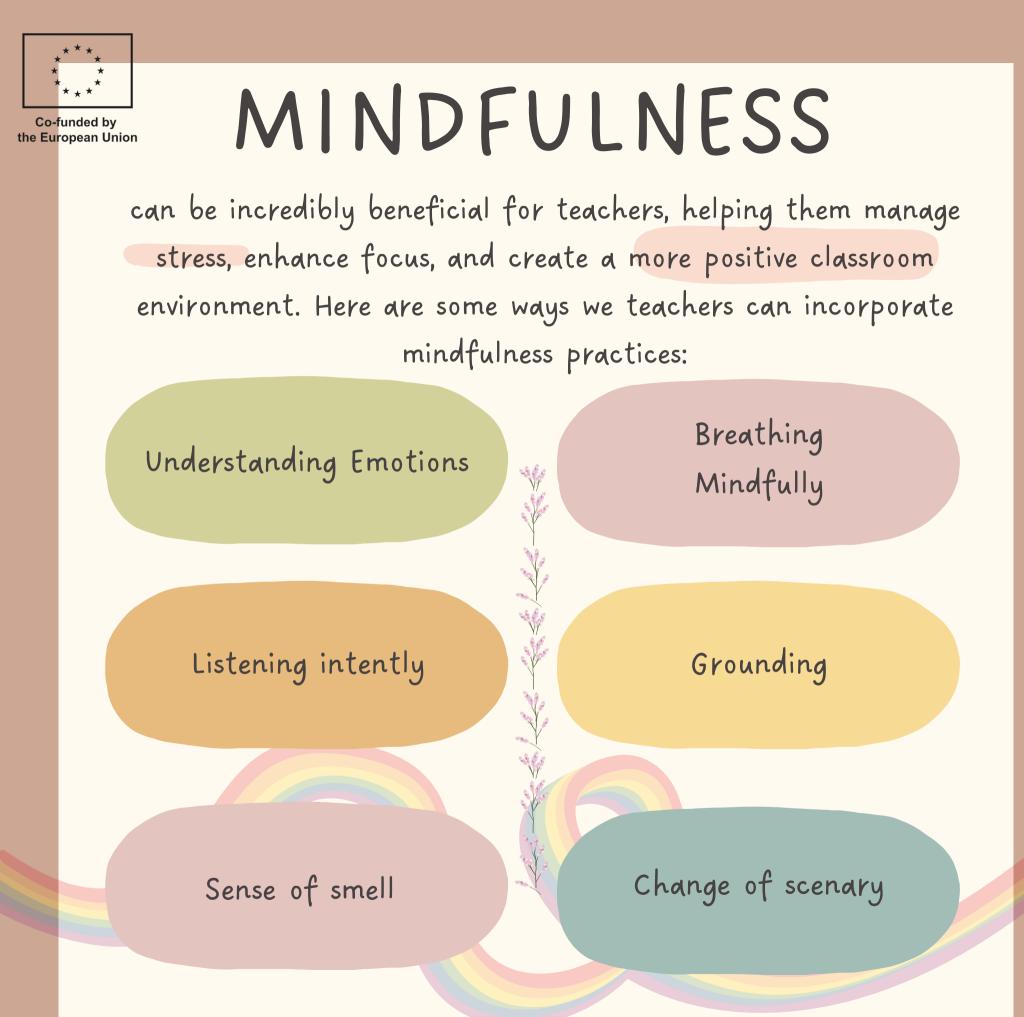


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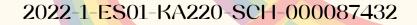


Mindfulness helps us become more aware of our own emotions. We can try a simple entering exercise before entering the class:

- Stand with our feet shoulder-width apart.
- Focus on a point in our abdomen, about two inches below our navel.
- Feel gravity connecting our body to the Earth.

This practice can help us stay present and manage emotions.

Let's take a moment to pause and breathe deeply. Close your eyes and inhale and exhale slowly five times. This quick practice can calm our nervous system and provide a sense of balance.





Whenever we find a rare moment of silence (between periods, during lunch, or even in the staff bathroom), focus on the absence of noise. Feel our breathing deepen and our pulse slow down.

Let's stand up straight, feet shoulder-width apart. Sense the bottoms of our feet grounded on the floor. Close your eyes and scan your body, releasing tension by breathing into any stiff or tender areas.



Consider using calming essential oils (if allowed) or keep a small bottle of your favorite scent in your desk drawer. Inhaling these scents can provide a calming break.

Even indoors, connect with nature. Sneak a peek out the window and focus on the sky, leaves, or sunlight. Block out distractions and soak in the moment.







