100 FREE Coping Strategies

Examples:
- Go for a walk
- Talk to a friend
- Write in a journal
- Listen to music
- Color a picture
- Take a warm bath
- Do a positive activity
- Play sports
- Think of something funny
- Take a deep breath

1. Take deep breaths
2. Do a positive activity
3. Play sports
4. Think of something funny
5. Take a walk
6. Pretend
7. Stretch
8. Listent to music
9. Take a deep breath
10. Use a breathing technique
11. Say something positive to yourself
12. Take a friend
13. Visualize your favorite place
14. Think of something happy
15. Think of a pet you love
16. Say, “I can do this”
17. Close your eyes and relax
18. Say, “I can do this”
19. Visualize a stop sign
20. Smiling at someone you love
21. Sleep
22. Have a snack
23. Do schoolwork
24. Look at animal pictures
25. Hyperfocus on an object
26. Notice 5 things you can see
27. Paint with water colors
28. Use a relaxation app
29. Write in a journal
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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
EXAMPLES OF COPING STRATEGIES:

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

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