





"Sometimes, the most important thing in a whole day is the rest we take between two deep breaths." - **Etty Hillesum** 



### What is Self Soothing?

"A deliberate effort to calm oneself. It is an alternative to the use of medications, alcohol, or drugs for managing anxiety and stress, eating disorders, or insomnia." - Medical Dictionary



Behaviours/Habits
Developed to Regulate
Ones Own Fmotions



Typically Studied in Children but Increasingly Showing Benefit for Adults



Origins Lie in Dialectical Behavioural Therapy (DBT)



Difference Between
Constructive &
Unconstructive Self Soothing



# Physiological Self Soothing



**Engaging Your Senses** 



Progressive Muscle Relaxation



Deep Breathing



Self Hug



Havening



**Tapping** 



**Humming** 



**Self Massage** 



**Stretch** 



## Psychological Self Soothing



**Meditation** 



**Self Validation** 



**Self Compassion** 









# Environmental/Behavioural Self Soothing













**Safe Space** 



Takeaway I...

Takeaway 2...

Takeaway 3...



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