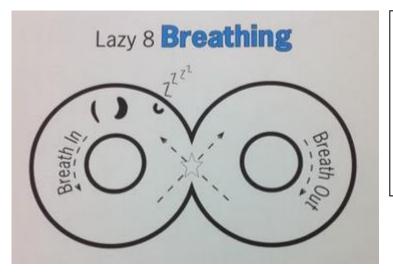


### **Zones of Regulation Strategy Toolbox Ideas**

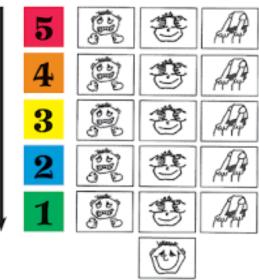


## Calming techniques:



#### Lazy 8 Breathing

Start with an 8 on its side. Starting in the middle, go up to the left and trace the left part of the 8 with your finger while you breathe in. When you get to the middle of the 8 again, breathe out while you trace the right part of the 8 with your finger.

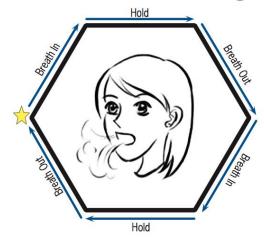


#### My Calming Sequence Visual

Activity: Try this calming sequence. Does it feel good and calming? How can you change it so it works for you?

This calming sequence goes like this: Squeeze your hands together; close your eyes and rub your head; then rub your legs. Repeat the sequence five times, bringing your stress down.

## The Six Sides of **Breathing**



#### Counting

- Forward and backward
- Count objects
- Count colours
- Count breaths
- Count pulse



#### **Calming Activities**

- Puzzles
- Listen to Music
- Draw/Paint
- Origami
- Play-Doh/clay
- Read
- Stack Rocks
- Fit Bit calming or watch pulse

### Thinking strategies:

#### Inner Coach vs Inner Critic





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# Size of the Problem

Huge **Problem** Big Remember the size of your reaction Problem has to match the size of the problem! How big do others see the problem? Medium Problem How big should your reaction be? Little Problem

# Sensory strategies:



Spaghetti Noodle

Swing/rock

Go for a walk

Wall push ups

Straw (breath or chew)

Blow bubbles

Classical music

Roll on an exercise ball

Trampoline

Blanket roll