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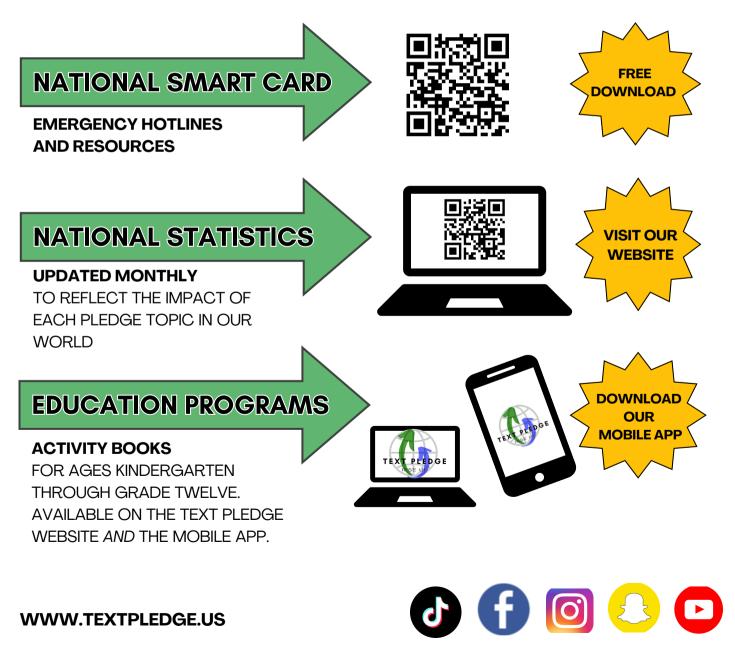
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ABOUT TEXT PLEDGE



Text Pledge is a nonprofit in Greater Grand Rapids, MI, that seeks to change the world one pledge at a time. Our pledges focus on ending some of the worst social issues affecting our communities, from distracted driving to acts of violence. Each pledge challenges members to practice compassion, and speak up when they witness injustice. We encourage you to help others in times of crisis. Together, we can make the world a kinder place.

Our pledge program Includes the following elements available on our website *www.textpledge.us* and the Text Pledge App available on iOS/Google Play.





A Message From Our Founder

Whatever you are feeling, those feelings are valid. Emotions have important messages to share. Paying attention to your feelings can make you more selfaware. Sharing your feelings helps other people to better understand you. Emotions also guide us to make healthy choices. We can pursue things that make us happy and use caution in scary situations.

Your emotions represent every part of you. Listening to your emotions help you navigate through all of life's challenges and triumphs.

In this lesson, we will learn how to recognize our emotions and practice behaviors that promote mental well-being.

Need some help expressing yourself? **Helplines are always available at TextPledge.us**

Happy Learning!



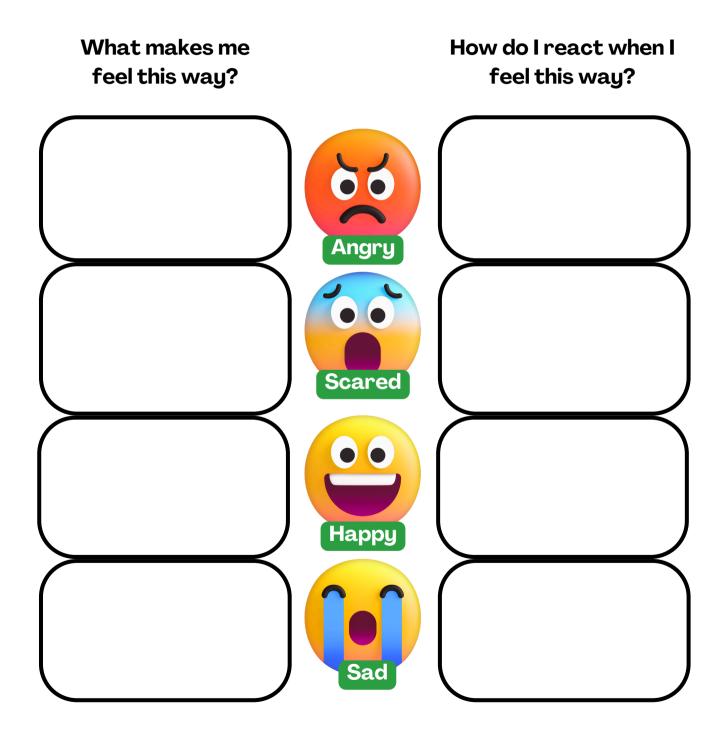
Ms. Naomi Founder at the TextPledge Project



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FEELINGS THERMOMETER

For each emotion, we react differently. Take some time to self reflect and answer each question related to these 4 emotions.



SEARCHING FOR EMOTIONS

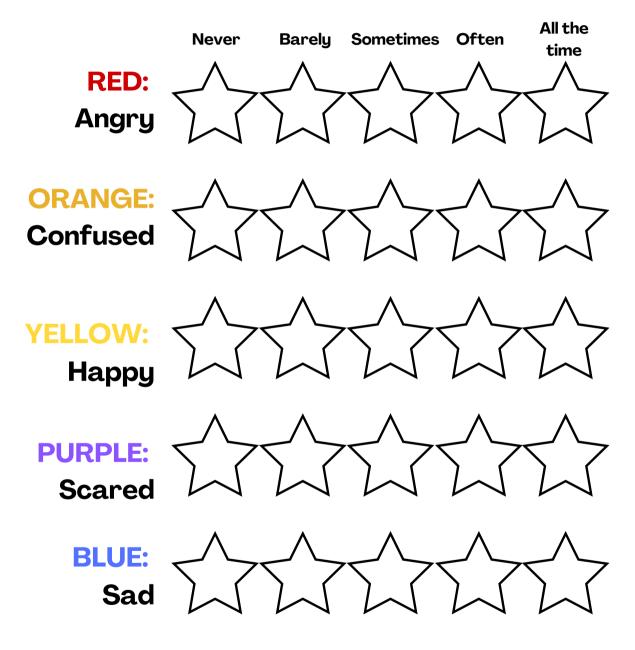
Find and highlight the words below. Do you recognize these emotions? How often do you experience them?

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Confident Sick Joyful Lonely Hungry Worried Anxious Excited

RATE MY FEELINGS

Emotions can vary over time. Think about your emotions over this past week. How have you felt? Color the stars according to how often you felt each emotion.



What is the emotion you feel the most this week? Do you know why?



JOURNAL EXERCISE

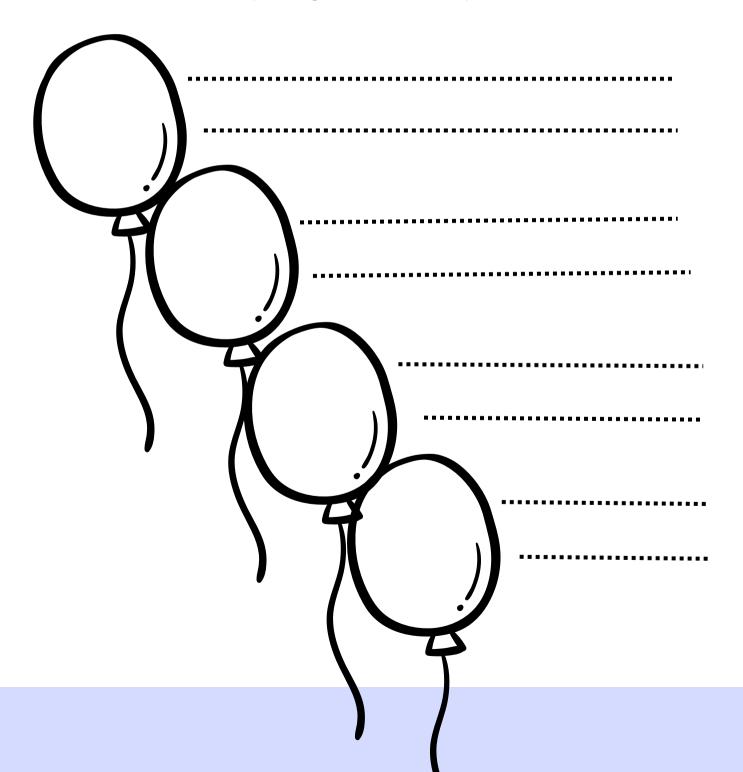
After identifying your emotions, take a moment to ground yourself in the present moment. Write down the information slowly and be very detailed. It's your time to feel calmly, don't rush.



You can use this technique every time you feel a very strong emotion and you're not able to control or calm down.

LET IT GO

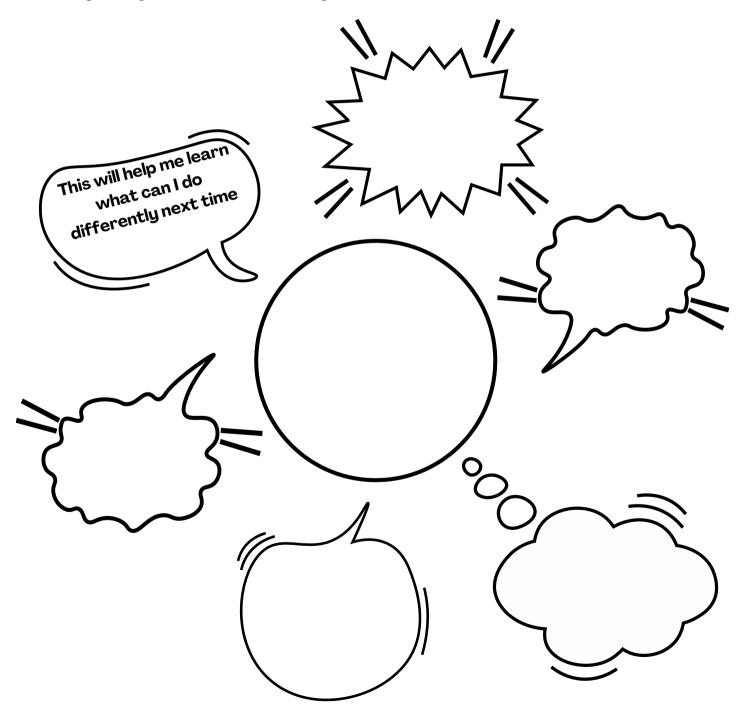
Sometimes our emotions change because of things we can't control or beliefs we have about ourselves. It can help letting go of those negative things. **What do you want to let go of?** Write it or draw it on the balloons to let it go. If you need, you can draw more balloons. *Example: Being afraid to ask for help*.



OVERCOMING FEAR

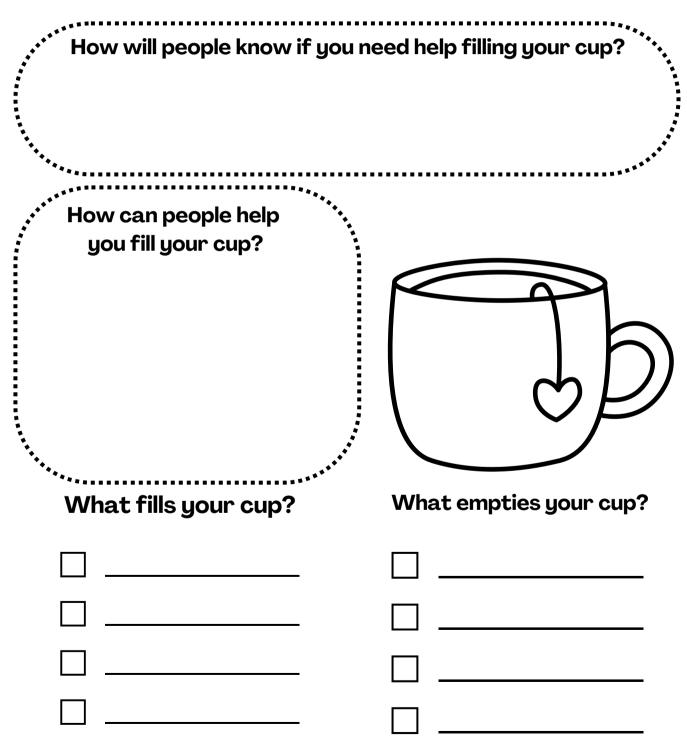
When you're about to do something that scares you, you might have a lot of mixed emotions or feel very afraid. However, selfpositive talk is one of the strategies you can use for these moments.

Use this space to write down all those phrases that you would like to remember every time you're afraid and draw yourself in the center.



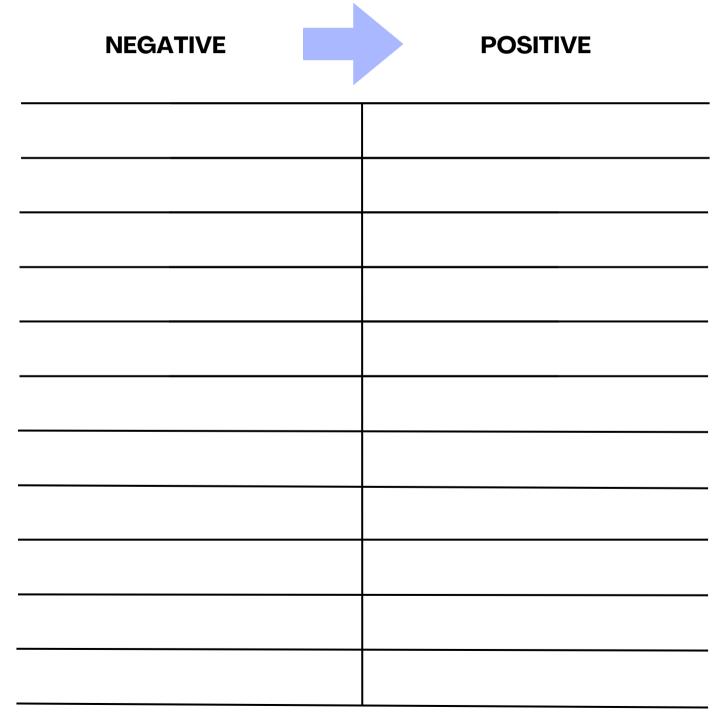
FILL YOUR EMOTIONAL CUP

Imagine that your well-being and emotional balance are this cup. Positive experiences, pleasant people, and happy moments fill it up, while stress and negative moments empty it. Now, let's see how your cup is.



NEGATIVE TO POSITIVE THOUGHTS

You already know a bit about negative thoughts and how important it is to talk to ourselves positively. Use this space to identify which negative thoughts you are having and how you could change them to be positive.



Empathy Essentials: Identifying Key Acts of Support

Mark activities or behaviors you appreciate from others when you're feeling negative emotions. Reflect on the gestures and behaviors that make you feel better. Share this list with your family and friends.



Listening without Interrupting:

Patiently listening to their feelings without interrupting or judging.



Offering a Hug:

Giving a comforting hug to show support and understandingjust be sure the person gives consent before you touch them.



Asking Questions:

Asking questions shows that we have an interest in better understanding eachother.

Offering a Distraction:

Engaging in a fun activity or game to divert your mind from distressing thoughts.



Sending Positive Messages:

Sharing uplifting texts or notes, reminding you of your worth and importance.



Asking if You Want to Talk:

Respecting your choice to share or not, giving you control over your feelings.



Avoiding Judgment:

Refraining from judgmental comments, allowing you to express yourself freely.

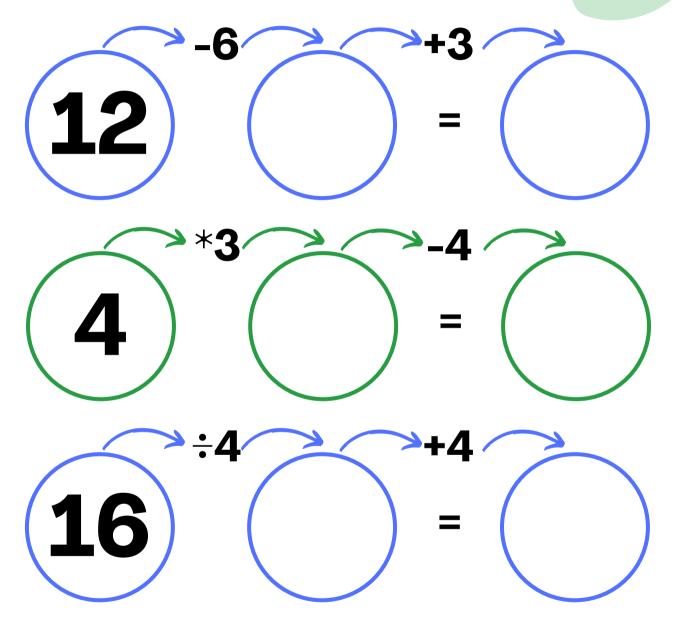


Expressing Empathy:

Showing understanding with statements like "I'm here for you" or "I understand."

DO YOU NEED HELP?

Remember, help is just a call away at the mental health crisis hotline. Together, we find strength. Complete the math equations below to uncover the hotline.



Congratulations!

You have completed the activity book. Taking this pledge is just one symbol of your commitment to make the world a kinder place.

What happens next?

Students can continue to make a difference through the following actions:

- Reflect and practice self-awareness.
- Speak up and confront social issues and injustices.
- Know where to find resources and support.



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Share your thoughts about our activities! We want to know how to make them better.

Looking for Answers?



Scan this code to view the answer key for this activity book



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