

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPIER TOSETHER CHALLENGE

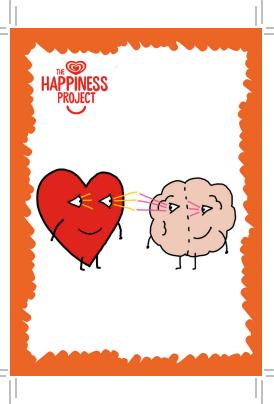


Happiness is a process. These cards are a way for trying out new and fun ways of exploring how we find happiness and share it with others. Some ideas you might like, others you might find more challenging but try to give everything a go.

The cards have been designed according to the ingredients sprinkled throughout The Happiness Project.

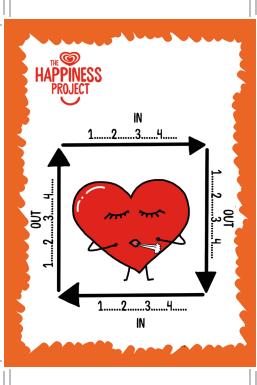


Your first step is to shuffle the cards and pick one. Then do your happiness challenge. Take a moment to reflect on how you feel afterwards. Take the card out of the pack and shuffle again and choose a new card tomorrow!



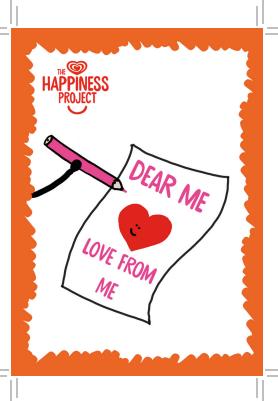
STARING CONTEST

Choose a partner and see how long you can stare into each other's eyes. Take a few minutes to reflect on how this feels.



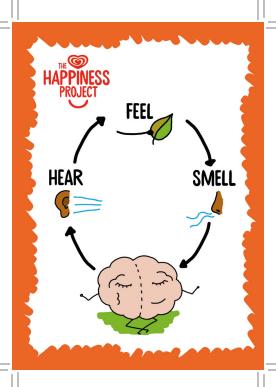
SQUARE BREATHING

Imagine your breath is following the shape of a square: Inhale for 4 seconds, hold your breath for 4 seconds, exhale for 4 seconds, and hold your breath for 4 more seconds. Repeat this 5 times.



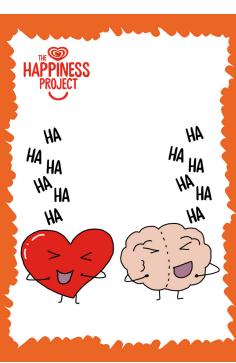
WRITE A LETTER TO YOURSELF

Imagine you are 30 years old.
Can you write a letter
to yourself?
What advice would you give
to yourself?



OPENING SENSES

Go outside and find a quiet place and get comfortable, sitting or standing on the ground. Close your eyes, take a few deep breaths. Become aware of your environment one sense at a time. What can you hear? Smell? Touch? Start to notice what sensations come up.



LAUGH!

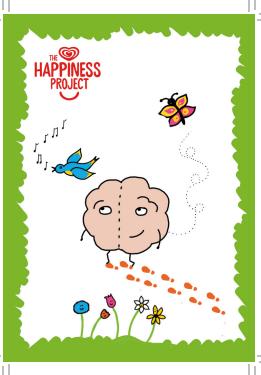
Bring joy to others.
Share something which made you laugh. It sounds obvious, but it releases feel-good hormones and reduces stress hormones. Think about a time you laughed so hard your stomach hurt. How did it make you feel?



HAPPY DANCE

DANCE

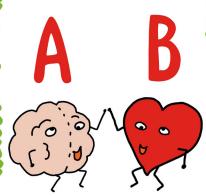
For 1 whole minute play a song and dance in any way that feels right for you for the duration of the song!
Afterwards, take time to reflect on how this felt.



NATURE WALK

Go outside for 5 minutes and see if you can notice 3 unexpected things. Remember to look up! What did you see? Did anything surprise you?

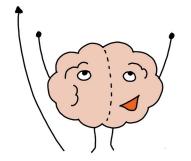




MIRRORING

Get into pairs and label yourselves pair A or B. Take it in turns to mirror each other's movements for 2 minutes each. What do you notice?

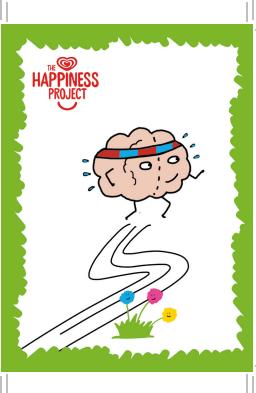




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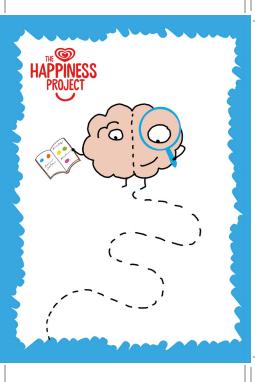
STRETCH

Reach up as high as you can, bend over and try to keep your legs straight, fold yourself into a tiny ball and repeat this 3 times.



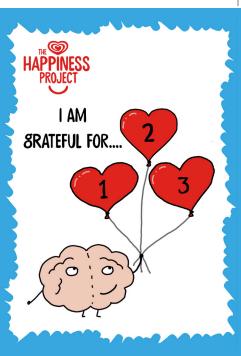
GO OUTSIDE

Go outside for 5 minutes. See if you can get your heartrate up. If you are able to, jump on the spot, or run as fast as you can. Can you feel your heart beating?



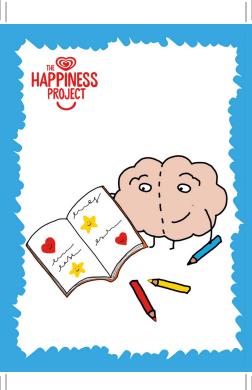
GRATITUDE SCAVENGER HUNT

Find something that makes you happy, something to give to someone else to make them smile and something that's your favourite colour.



GRATITUDE

Write 3 things you are grateful for today.



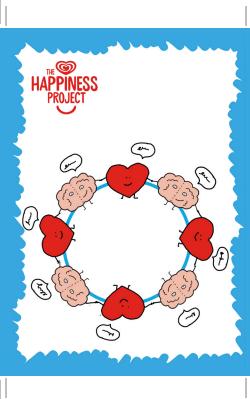
JOURNALING

Reflect on what has gone well for you this week. What has made you feel proud or happy?



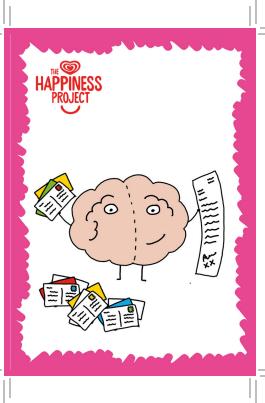
THREE TINY THINGS

Write a list of three things: one that brings you joy, one that makes you laugh, one that gives you a sense of achievement.



MAKE A STORY

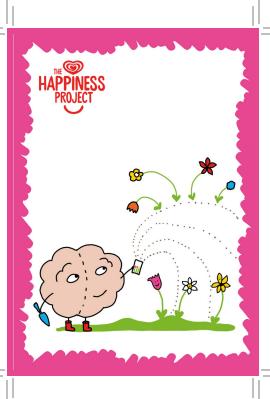
As a group, use your imagination to make a story. Going around in a circle, take it in turns to make up one sentence before passing the story on. Where will your story end up?



CREATIVITY

WRITING

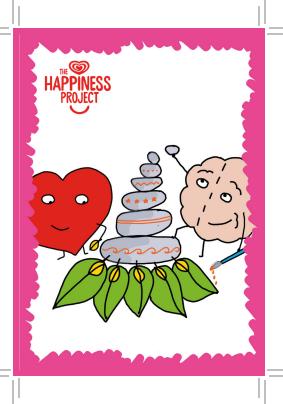
Send an anonymous kind postcard to someone.



CREATIVITY

GARDENING

If you can, take some seeds and go outside and do some Guerilla gardening! This means planting the seeds in any soil you can find. If you don't have any seeds, pick up some soil in your hands and look closely at it. What can you see? How does it feel to have dirty hands?



CREATIVITY

NATURE ART

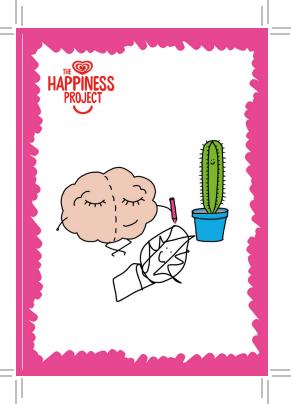
Create an impermanent artwork made from found elements of nature. Create a mini exhibition of your artwork for others to enjoy afterwards.



CREATIVITY

LISTEN

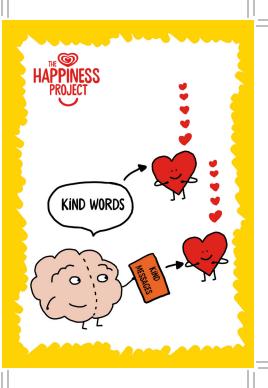
Listen to music whilst making a continuous drawing. Keep the pen to the paper and don't lift it off until the song has finished. Can you see any creatures in your picture?



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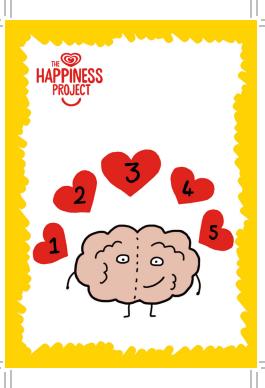
DRAWING WITHOUT LOOKING

Pick something in the room with an interesting outline e.g. a plant or a shoe. You are going to draw this without looking at the page and without lifting your pen. Look closely, and focus your attention on what you see in front of you. No peeking!



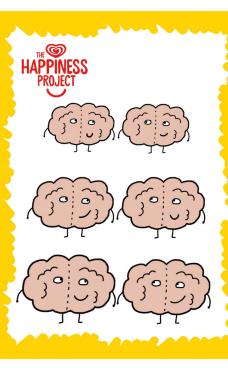
RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

Choose to do something kind for someone e.g. give someone a compliment or leave a positive message in a hidden place for someone else to find.



PRACTISE SELF KINDNESS

Write a list of 5 things you enjoy most.



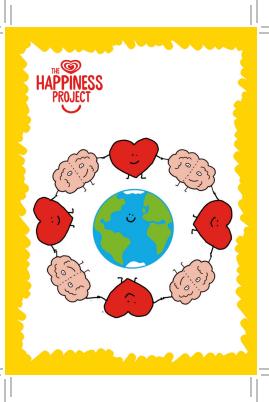
SMILE!

When you smile, it activates muscles sending waves of signals to our brains releasing endorphins, serotonin and dopamine, also known as the happy hormones. See how many different people you can smile at today.



A NATURE CLEAN-UP

Go outside into your playground/local park and collect as much rubbish as you can find in 5 minutes.

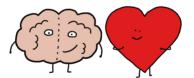


BE KIND TO THE PLANET

See if you can eat less meat this week. Turn off the light switches. Recycle as much as possible. Notice how being kind to the planet makes you feel.



LET'S MAKE IT HAPPIER TOGETHER CHALLENGE





CONGRATULATIONS

You have completed the
Let's Make It Happier Together Challenge.
Remember, you can use these cards at
any time and all of the challenges have
been designed to be repeated so you
have a toolkit of happiness challenges
with you.

Now, think of someone who could use these challenge cards. Share the cards with them so you can spread happiness all around you!