

## **Teacher Guide – Youth Module 2**

## **Relaxation Skills**

**Overview for Teachers**: In this module, students will learn and practice identifying situations when they feel stressed or upset. They will then learn relaxation skills to use so they can cope effectively with these feelings. Relaxation skills taught in this lesson are paced belly breathing, progressive muscle relaxation, and guided imagery. These relaxation techniques have been shown to be effective in reducing feelings of stress and anger.

**Introduction for Students:** Today's lesson focuses on relaxation skills. You can use these skills when you are feeling upset or stressed, and they can help you to feel calmer. Please watch these videos and complete the following worksheets.

Videos and Worksheets	
Videos	Videos
Relaxation Skills Part 1: Introduction and Paced Belly Breathing	Relaxation Skills Part 1: Introduction and Paced Belly Breathing
Relaxation Skills Part 2: Progressive Muscle Relaxation and Guided Imagery	Relaxation Skills Part 2: Progressive Muscle Relaxation and Guided Imagery

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