

## Occupational Therapy

# Relaxation visual imagery method

This is a useful tool to help you achieve a relaxed state of body and mind at any time. You use your mind to picture one of your favourite relaxing places. Your favourite places can be real or imaginary.

**Step 1:** Find a quiet place where you are unlikely to be disturbed. If possible, reduce the level of lighting.

**Step 2:** Find a comfortable position and lie down or sit quietly.

**Step 3:** Close your eyes and picture one of your favourite relaxing places.

**Step 4:** Focus on the colours in your relaxing place.

**Step 5:** Focus on one colour..

**Step 6:** Focus on the sounds or silence in your relaxing place.

**Step 7:** Imagine touching something in your relaxing place.

**Step 8:** Focus on any aromas or smells in your relaxing place.

**Step 9:** In your own time, open your eyes.



## Patient Information

Regular practice of this method will help you to achieve a relaxed state quite quickly and with little effort.

If you want to master relaxation imagery, it's a good idea to practice twice a day for a week or so. With this amount of practice, you will be able to switch into it with ease.

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