## Welcome to the daily calm: mindfulness meditation (body scan) – calm.com https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZToicYcHIOU

This is a very relaxing "body-scan" mediation: i.e. it helps you control your breathing, while scanning the whole of your body. It is usual because it starts from the head and works down to the feet. The aim is to help you feel calm and better able to deal with difficulties in life. The transcript here is to help you learn vocabulary.

You may want to do this activity in French or your mother-tongue. For French, Christophe André's Youtube videos are good place to start. The first in a series is here. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYuZ oUhkB8

Let's start today's session by finding a comfortable position, with a tall, <b>straight back</b> .	Un dos droit
Allow you arms to rest <b>gently</b> .	Doucement
And when you are ready, close your eyes.	
Bring full attention to this very moment.	
Settling in, and allowing the mind and body to still.	To settle = s'installer
With openness, patience and curiosity, bring your <b>awareness</b> to the breath.  Taking a deep breath in, and releasing it slowly.	Conscience
Follow the <b>breath</b> as it goes in and out of your body.	Soufflé
And taking one last deep breath, before letting the breath settle, allowing it to feel natural and easy.  Don't try to force the breath or regulate it in any way.	
Just allow it to flow naturally on its own	
And we will scan down the body now, concentrating our attention from part to part.	
Start by bringing your attention to the top of your head and <b>scalp</b> , feeling whatever is happening in this area.	Cuir chevelu
You might feel <b>tingling</b> or heat, <b>throbbing</b> or soft vibrations.  There may be a strong sensation, or you might not feel much at all.  Now lower your attention to your <b>forehead</b> , face and <b>jaw</b> .  Allow the muscles here to relax.	Picotements / pulsations Front / mâchoire
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On your next out-breath, let that sensation **dissolve**.

??? Your focus to the neck, and the **throat** and sides, and back of the neck soften. Notice any sensation that arises on the surface of the skin, and deeper within.

Now bring your attention to your shoulders noticing if there is any tension or **strain**. Breathe into your shoulders, and if any parts feel tight, allow them to relax.

Extend your awareness down the arms, towards the **wrists**, palms and fingers. On the next out breath, allow them to soften.

Now come to the **chest**, observing the rise and fall of each breath.

Notice how the **lungs** expand and contract.

Direct your attention to your upper and lower back.

There may be some intensity, as this is an area where we commonly hold stress.

If you notice any tension or warmth or **discomfort** just observe what's there.

With each breath you take, soften just a little bit more.

Moving your focus around your abdomen, notice it expanding, filling up with air and slowly emptying on the **exhale**.

Dissoudre Gorge

Pression/tension

**Poignets** 

Poitrine Poumons

Inconfort

Expiration/expirer

And bring your attention to your **pelvis**. Basin Notice where your body makes contact with the ground, or your chair, and direct your Ici, le sol breath into this area relaxing into stillness. Calme Now scan your legs, observing your thighs. Notice where they make contact with your Cuisse cushion or chair. Lowering your attention to your knees and shins and calves. Tibias / mollets Let your legs soften and tensions released. When you're ready breathe into your ankles, your feet and toes. Let them relax and become Chevilles / orteils soft, sinking into a state of relaxed awareness. And as we near the end of the session, take a moment to notice how you feel. You may find that you are more relaxed. This is often a common **outcome** of meditation. Résultat This is one of the reasons why it is so helpful to meditate during times of stress. When we are experiencing stress, our ??? fires up and it is difficult to make thoughtful Réfléchi decisions. So if we find our mind is clouded due to overwhelm, we can use meditation as a tool to calm the mind down. Ideally we want to meditate in a preventative way, so we don't Pour ne pas arrive à ce get to that point, and the practice is here for you whenever you need it. And as we near the end of the session, bring your attention back to the room, wiggle your Remuez vos doigts

**fingers** and toes and slowly open your eyes.

I hope you have enjoyed today's daily calm. I invite you to bring the state of peace with you into the day, and we will see you back here tomorrow.