

# Starter

Revisit your mental health — first thoughts activity from the beginning of the lesson. Amend it in the light of your new learning or add any further ideas or thoughts, words or images, using a different coloured pen or pencil.

**LO: To learn about how feelings and emotions are affected by life events**

**Can You Think of Any Mental Health Problems?**

Here are just a small selection of problems that people may experience:



Click on a mental health problem to learn more about it.



# Anger



Have you ever felt angry?

Anger is a natural emotion that everyone feels. It becomes a problem when it is harmful to others or yourself.

Ways of dealing with anger:

counselling/psychotherapy/cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT)

anger management programmes through NHS/online/private courses

conversations with your GP

talk to the Respect Phonenumber

take a course run by the Freedom Programme



# Anxiety and Panic Attacks



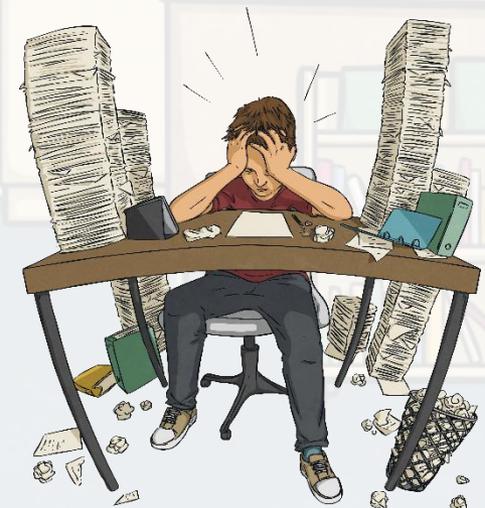
What do you think it feels like to feel anxious?

**Fight or flight response** – This is a response we experience to protect ourselves from danger by preparing the body to either **fight** the danger or **flee** it. This can turn into a panic attack. Your heart rate may quicken and you may begin to sweat, feel faint or feel sick.

Can you think of some situations that could make you feel anxious in today's society?

- Have a test/exam
- Starting a new school/job
- Having an argument with a loved one
- Moving away from home
- Getting married or divorced

Anxiety and Panic Attacks continued...



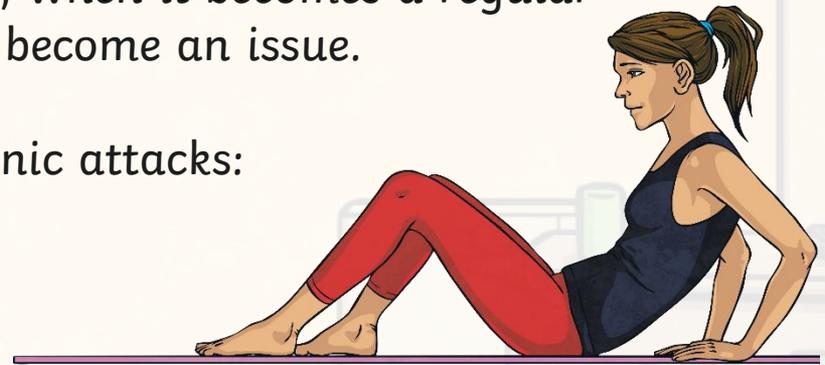
# Anxiety and Panic Attacks



When does it become a problem?

As it is a natural response, we will probably all have experienced this anxious or panicked feeling. However, when it becomes a regular occurrence in day to day life, it may become an issue.

Ways of dealing with anxiety and panic attacks:



breathing  
meditation  
yoga

positive  
thinking

'talking'  
treatments

medication

# Depression



How do you think depression is different from feeling 'low'?

Like the other mental health problems discussed, depression becomes an issue when it begins to affect your daily life. Some people will struggle to do daily tasks and may even have suicidal thoughts.

Listen [here](#) to a group of people talking about their experiences with mental health.



Depression continued...

# Depression



Ways of dealing with depression:

counselling/psychotherapy/cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT)

NHS/online/private courses

yoga/meditation/mindfulness

medication



# Eating Problems



Food is a very important part of our lives and sometimes, due to how we are feeling, our relationship with food may change. This may be because of feeling stressed or anxious, or a conscious decision to watch what you eat, however if you are not eating a balanced diet it can be very dangerous.

Many eating disorders are started as a way of controlling something else that has become stressful in your life.

Ways of dealing with eating problems:



counselling/psychotherapy/cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT)

visiting a clinic/talking to a dietician/psychotherapist

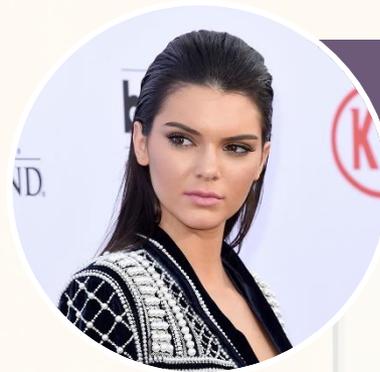
medication

# Celebrities

Anyone can experience mental health problems. Here are just a handful of celebrities who have spoken out about their experiences:



**Justin Bieber**  
depression



**Kendall Jenner**  
anxiety



**Lady Gaga**  
post-traumatic  
stress disorder



**Dwayne Johnson**  
depression

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# Celebrities



**Brad Pitt**  
depression



**Prince Harry**  
living with the  
grief after his  
mother's death



**Jade Thirlwell**  
anorexia

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# Situations: What can affect mental wellbeing?

Read the following scenario:

A few weeks ago Sasha's mum explained there were going to be some changes coming...

Sasha's family moved house to a completely new area. Sasha had to leave the local street-dance club and start a new school as well. Sasha feels terribly lonely and doesn't know anyone in the new area – everyone seems to have their friendship groups already and Sasha's mum is always busy. Sasha is spending more and more time alone and feels like things will never change.

Discuss how this situation might affect Sasha's mental health and wellbeing (feelings and emotions).

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What other times in people's lives that might affect their feelings and emotions?

such as: parent starting a new job, death of a pet/close relative, new baby brother/sister, tests or exams, argument with a friend, a marriage or divorce, coronavirus pandemic, riots and protests.

Can you think of other examples?

Life events and circumstances	How it might affect someone and their feelings	What could help?
Moving to a new area		

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**TASK 1**

Draw the table in your books.

Complete only columns 1 and 2 for now.

**TASK 2**

Complete the sentences individually, writing down your responses:

- A time when someone's mental health might be affected is...
- The person might feel...
- Something the person can do to help themselves is...
- Something someone else can do is...

# Plenary

Who could you go to if you feel worried about mental health?

