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## A Mindful Response to Thoughts



**ACKNOWLEDGE** - Notice and acknowledge the thought as it comes to mind.

**PAUSE** - Don't react as you normally do. Just pause, and [breathe](#).

**PULL BACK** - Tell yourself this is just the anxiety or depression talking, and this thought or feeling is only a [thought](#) or feeling.

***Don't believe everything you think!*** Thoughts are not statements of fact.

**LET GO** - Let go of the thought or feeling. It will pass. You don't have to respond to them. You might imagine them floating away in a bubble or cloud.

**EXPLORE** - Explore the present moment, because right now, in this moment, all is well. Notice your [breathing](#), and the sensations of breathing. Notice the ground beneath you. Look around and notice what you see, what you hear, what you can touch, what you can smell. Right **NOW**. Then, SHIFT YOUR FOCUS OF ATTENTION to something else - on what you need to do, on what you were doing before you noticed the worry, or do something else - [mindfully](#), with your full attention.