FEELING WORD VOCABULARY





Instructions

Parents will often ask their kids to express themselves with words—"Use your words!" is a common playground refrain—but it's not always easy...even for adults.

What do you do when you need to quickly clarify what you are feeling, or what your emotions are? Your partner asks "How are you feeling?" or you just want to check in with yourself, to get some clarity and do a "gut check"?

Figuring out exactly what you are feeling helps better understand the subtlety of emotions and how words like "happy" and "elated" or "indifferent" and "disinterested" differ.

THE TWO WAYS TO USE A FEELINGS LIST

There are two broad ways to use a feelings vocabulary list. You can use it retrospectively to describe emotions you are feeling now or have felt in the past (even long ago), to get clear on these feelings and to put them into words. You can also use a feelings vocabulary list in a proactive, future-focused way to identify the feelings you would like to have, and to foster or grow in your life.

Feeling Word Vocabulary

LEVEL OF INTENSITY: STRONG

HAPPY
Excited
Elated
Exuberant
Ecstatic
Terrific
Alive
Energized
Enthusiastic
Loved

SAD Hopeless Sorrowful Depressed Wounded Hurt Drained Defeated Exhausted Helpless Crushed Worthless Uncared for Dejected Rejected Miserable

Distraught

ANGRY **Furious** Seething Enraged Hostile Vengeful Incensed Abused Hateful Humiliated Sabotaged Betraved Repulsed Jealous Pissed Off Bitter

SCARED
Fearful
Panicky
Afraid
Shocked
Overwhelmed
Startled
Intimidated
Desperate
Frantic
Terrified
Vulnerable

CONFUSED
Confused
Trapped
Troubled
Demobilized
Stagnant
Ambivalent

LEVEL OF INTENSITY: MILD

HAPPY Valued Gratified Encouraged Optimistic Joyful Proud Cheerful Relieved Assured Determined Grateful Appreciated Confident Respected Admired

SAD Disappointed Upset Inadequate Dismal Unappreciated Discouraged Ashamed Distressed Distant Disillusioned Lonely Isolated Alienated Abandoned Regretful Islander

ANGRY
Resentful
Disgusted
Smothered
Frustrated
Stifled
Offended
Infantilized
Controlled
Peeved
Annoyed
Irritated

SCARED
Tense
Threatened
Uneasy
Defensive
Insecure
Skeptical
Apprehensive
Suspicious
Perturbed

CONFUSED Awkward Puzzled Disorganized Foggy

LEVEL OF INTENSITY: WEAK

HAPPY
Content
Relaxed
Glad
Good
Satisfied
Peaceful
Calm
Tranquil
Hopeful
Enjoyable
Pleased

Relieved

Going to be great Looking forward to

Accepted

SAD Sorry Lost Feel Inadequate Bad ANGRY
Uptight
Dismayed
Tolerant
Resigned
Tired
Hungry

SCARED
Reluctant
Anxious
Shy
Nervous
Unsure
Timid
Concerned
Perplexed
Doubtful
Worried

CONFUSED Bothered Undecided Uncomfortable

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