What is this mindfulness everyone's talking about?

Mindfulness can be done anytime and anywhere. We're often practicing mindfulness without even realizing it! Every time we pause and pay attention to what's happening around us and inside ourselves in the present moment in a curious, non-judgmental way, we're being mindful.

Try one of these simple mindfulness practices:

- Place a hand on your stomach and feel it rise and fall as you breathe in and out
- Notice and name 3 objects in your environment that are circular (or square, red, etc.)
- Balance on one foot for 30 seconds to 1-minute, noticing any thoughts that come up (Try it again with your eyes closed!)

What mindfulness isn't...

- Just about focusing your attention
- Always relaxing
- An "it's all good" mindset
- Something that can only be done sitting still

What mindfulness is...

- Attention to the present moment
- Being aware of what we're feeling without labelling it good or bad
- Noticing all the layers of our experiences
- A mindset that can be applied to any activity (ex. breathing, moving, making art, playing a sport)





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