

Mindful Observation

This exercise is simple but incredibly powerful because it helps you notice and appreciate seemingly simple elements of your environment in a more profound way.

The exercise is designed to connect us with the beauty of the natural environment, something that is easily missed when we are rushing around in the car or hopping on and off trains on the way to work.

- 1. Choose a natural object from within your immediate environment and focus on watching it for a minute or two. This could be a flower or an insect, or even the clouds or the moon.
- 2. Don't do anything except notice the thing you are looking at. Simply relax into watching for as long as your concentration allows.
 - 3. Look at this object as if you are seeing it for the first time.
 - 4. Visually explore every aspect of its formation, and allow yourself to be consumed by its presence.
- 5. Allow yourself to connect with its energy and its purpose within the natural world.