

Physiological Sensations

Heart rate – fast, slow

Breath – slow, long, relaxed, fast, short; coming from throat, chest, lower belly

Eyes – relaxed, tense, hard, soft, clear vision, blurred vision, cool, warm, hot, vigilant

Skin – warm, hot, cold, clammy, neutral

Body – peaceful, calm, relaxed, quiet, alive, energized, painful, achy, tight, fatigued, agitated, anxious, sweaty, numb (arms, legs, fingers), goose bumps, pains in chest, dizzy, disoriented

Head – open, light, spacious, tight, constricted, headachy

Throat – constricted, dry, lump in throat; open, relaxed

Legs –strong, firm, grounded, wobbly, weak in the knees

Stomach sensations – peaceful, calm, nauseous, butterflies, knot in stomach

Face (jaws) – tight, tense, relaxed, soft, blushing

Shoulders/neck – tight, tense, stiff, painful, relaxed, soft, pliable

Back – tight, sore, painful, stiff; contracted, relaxed, pliable, flexible

Arms – relaxed, "rag-dollish," loose, tense, braced, stiff

VOCABULARY OF FEELINGS

Whenever you are feeling alienated from yourself and others (or otherwise experiencing a negative emotion you don't understand), this list may help you pinpoint your feeling, and thus make it easier to express. Even just being able to identify your feelings is a powerful step in regaining a sense of control and centeredness.

HAPPY Excited Elated **Exuberant Ecstatic** Terrific Jubilant **Energized Enthusiastic** Loved Thrilled Marvelous Justified Resolved Valued Gratified Encouraged Optimistic Joyful Proud Cheerful Relieved Assured Assured Determined Grateful Appreciated Confident Respected Admired **Delighted** Alive **Fulfilled** Tranquil Content Relaxed Glad Satisfied Peaceful Hopeful **Fortunate** Pleased Neglected **Flattered** Isolated Acknowledged Alienated Loving

Understood

SAD Devastated Hopeless Sorrowful Depressed Wounded Drained Defeated **Exhausted** Helpless Crushed **Uncared For** Dejected Rejected Humbled **Empty** Miserable Distraught Deserted Grievous Burdened Demoralized Condemned **Terrible** Unwanted Unloved Moumful Pitiful Discarded Disgraced Disheartened Despised Disappointed Upset Inadequate Dismal Dismal Unappreciated Discouraged Ashamed Distressed Distant Disillusioned Lonely

Regretful

Resigned Drained

<u>ANG</u>RY Strangled Furious Seething Enraged Hostile Venaeful Incensed Abused Humiliated Hateful Sabotaged Betrayed Repulsed Rebellious Pissed Off Outraged Fuming **Exploited** Throttled Mad Spiteful Patronized Vindictive Used Repulsed Ridiculed Resentful Disgusted Smothered Frustrated Stifled Offended Displeased Controlled Peeved Annoved Agitated Irritated **Exasperated** Harassed **Anguished** Deceived Aggravated Perturbed **Provoked** Dominated Coerced

SCARED Fearful Panicky Afraid Shocked Overwhelmed Intimidated Desperate Frantic Terrified Vulnerable Horrified Petrified Appalled Dread-full Tomented Tense **Threatened** Uneasy Defensive Insecure Skeptical Apprehensive 1 Suspicious Alarmed Shaken Swamped Startled Guarded Stunned Awed Reluctant Anxious Inpatient Shy Nervous Unsure Timid Concerned **Perplexed** Doubtful Helpless Constricted Disabled

Bewildered Trapped **Immobilized** Directionless Stagnant Flustered Baffled Constricted Troubled **Ambivalent Awkward** Puzzled Disorganized Foggy Perplexed Hesitant Tom Misunderstood Doubtful **Bothered** Undecided Uncomfortable Uncertain Surprised Unsettled Unsure Distracted

CONFUSED

Cheated

Suppressed

Uptight