## When My Worry Gets Too Big



## This is me when my worry is too big.



I have different talents. This means I am good at some things. It is good to know what you are good at. Some people are really good at their favourite things.

Some of my favourite things are:

My most favourite thing is:

Here is a picture of me with my favourite thing.

When I am thinking about my favourite things I feel so relaxed.

My feeling is Level 1 or Level 2.

## How stressed do I feel?

I can look at the chart and point or tell someone how I feel. This will help me and other people to know how I am feeling.



O.K



Slight Stress



I need a break



very stressed



Total stress

When I know what is going to happen or I really like what I am doing, my feeling is a Level <mark>1</mark> or a Level <mark>2</mark>,



Sometimes people worry too much, like when they get on the bus and don't know where to sit.

I worry too much when:

When I worry too much my feeling is at a Level <mark>3</mark> or Level <mark>4</mark>.

Some people can get stomach ache when they are at Level <mark>3</mark> or Level <mark>4</mark>.

When I am Level <mark>3</mark> or Level <mark>4</mark> I can:

Sometimes people worry way too much, like when their favourite lesson gets cancelled.

I worry way too much when:

When I worry way too much my feeling can be at Level 5. Some people can shout or hit out when they are at Level 5.

# When I am at Level <mark>5</mark> I can:

### NOW MY WORRY IS TOO BIG!

This is when I need to gain control of myself.

This is when I need to get back to Level <mark>1</mark> or Level <mark>2</mark>. There are many things I could do to help me get back to a Level <mark>1</mark> or Level <mark>2</mark>:

I can make sure my feet are flat on the floor.



Then I could squeeze my hands

together and breathe in through my



and out through my mouth



slowly.

Slow in, slow out, slow in, slow out. Then I could sit down and make sure my feet are still flat on the floor. Now I am feeling a Level <mark>4</mark> or Level <mark>3</mark>. <u>Next</u> I could think about favourite things or other happy things.

When I breathe slowly and think about my happy things for long enough I can get to feeling like a Level 2.

I can congratulate myself for getting to a Level 2.

Now that I am a Level 2 I can tell an adult that I am feeling calmer and relaxed and nearly a Level 1.

I may need a quiet place to calm down. I can use my Break Card to leave a room or situation. Going for a walk or a run on the playground may calm me down. I can use my Break card to ask for this.

I could play with a ball to help me get back down to a Level <mark>3</mark> then Level <mark>2</mark> then Level <mark>1</mark>.

I could squeeze a beanbag or Blu Tac to help me feel calmer.

I DON'T LIKE FEELING LIKE A Level <mark>5</mark>!

# I NEED TO GET BACK TO A Level <mark>4</mark> OR Level <mark>3</mark> OR Level <mark>2</mark> OR Level <mark>1</mark>.

Here are my ideas....

This is how I will try to help myself count down from Level <mark>5</mark> then Level <mark>4</mark> through Level <mark>3</mark>, Level 2 and Level <mark>1</mark>.

Everyone will be really pleased that I can control my feelings.