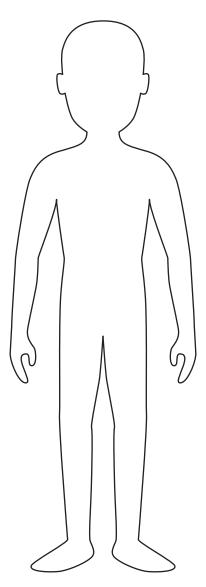
Switch off stress response



Break the Vicious Cycle at the physical level

Step 1: Notice the *Fight or Flight* (sympathetic nervous system) response and understand how it affects your body. Add labels to the outline below indicating how your body responds to stress. Note why this happens as a response to help you either fight the threat or take flight (escape from) the threat.





Step 2: Take action to switch off the stress reaction and turn on the *Rest and Restore* (parasympathetic) system.

In the moment	Longer term
Trigger <i>Rest and Restore</i> to immediately reduce feelings of stress and anxiety: Deep Breathing	Build <i>Rest and Restore</i> activities into everyday life: Learn healthy ways to deal with stress (e.g. <i>Five Areas Mapping</i>)
▲ Brisk exercise	Make relaxation a habitPractice mindfulness
	Find your flow

