11 breath "coming to our senses"

try practising too with the eyes open and/or standing

- ** 1st section: repeat silently, linking with in & out breath "observing ... "; "hearing ... "; "sensing ... "
- 2nd section: again repeat silently, linking with the in & out breath "arms heavy & warm"; "legs heavy & warm"; "pulse steady calm"; "breath breathes me"; "neck & shoulders heavy"
- 3rd section: as in the first section, using the breath & once again coming to our senses in the present moment
 "sensing ... "; "hearing ... "; "observing ... "

attention, focus & time

pleasant emotional tone reminiscence (bf) fantasy/creativity (bf) mindfulness (bf) happy memory (nf) problem solving (nf) flow (nf) future past present fight or trauma memories (nf) anticipatory anxiety (nf) flight (nf)

rumination (bf)

bf = broad attentional focus nf = narrow attentional focus freeze (bf)

unpleasant emotional tone

worry (bf)



four aspects of helpful inner focus

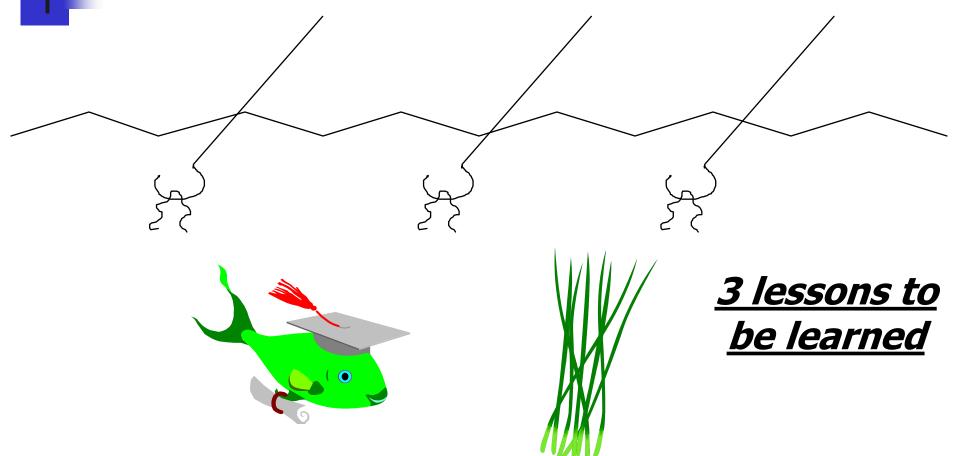
reducing negative states nourishing positive states

exploring & processing

encouraging mindfulness



dealing with mental chatter



the challenge is to be a wise fish!



the bus driver metaphor



for a fuller description see the 2 page handout

- the importance of values
- distinguishing values & goals
- values are about 'now'
- self-definition by values not by goal achievement
- mindfulness & passengers
- sometimes it's useful to 'listen and respond'



intentions for this coming week

- time for personal reflection and writing
- autogenics the breath focus, second differential & eleven breath exercises
- exercise, diet, weight, alcohol, smoking & also possibly beginning to chart sleep
- worry & rumination, garden of eden and the appreciations & gratitude exercise