

Needs Inventory

The following are words we use when we want to express a combination of emotional states and physical sensations. This list is neither exhaustive nor definitive. It is meant as a starting place to support anyone who wishes to engage in a process of deepening self-discovery and to facilitate greater understanding and connection between people.

There are two parts to this list: (1) feelings we may have when our needs are being met and (2) feelings we may have when our needs are not being met.

Needs Inventory

Feelings When Your Needs are Satisfied

AFFECTIONATE

Compassionate
Friendly
Loving
Open hearted
Sympathetic
Tender
Warm

ENGAGED

Absorbed
Alert
Curious
Engrossed
Enchanted
Entranced
Fascinated
Interested
Intrigued
Involved
Spellbound
Stimulated

GRATEFUL

Appreciative
Moved
Thankful
Touched

INSPIRED

Amazed
Awed
Wonder

EXCITED

Amazed
Animated
Ardent
Aroused
Astonished
Dazzled
Eager
Energetic
Enthusiastic
Giddy
Invigorated
Lively
Passionate
Surprised
Vibrant

HOPEFUL

Expectant
Encouraged
Optimistic

CONFIDENT

Empowered
Open
Proud
Safe
Secure

JOYFUL

Amused
Delighted
Glad
Happy
Jubilant
Pleased
Tickled

EXHILARATED

Blissful
Ecstatic
Elated
Enthralled
Exuberant
Radiant
Rapturous
Thrilled

PEACEFUL

Calm
Clear headed
Comfortable
Centered
Content
Equanimous
Fulfilled
Mellow
Quiet
Relaxed
Relieved
Satisfied
Serene
Still
Tranquil
Trusting

REFRESHED

Enlivened
Rejuvenated
Renewed
Rested
Restored
Revived

Needs Inventory

Feelings When Your Needs are Not Satisfied (Part 1/2)

AFRAID

Apprehensive
Dread
Foreboding
Frightened
Mistrustful
Panicked
Petrified
Scared
Suspicious
Terrified
Wary
Worried

ANGRY

Enraged
Furious
Incensed
Indignant
Irate
Livid
Outraged
Resentful

ANNOYED

Aggravated
Dismayed
Disgruntled
Displeased
Exasperated
Frustrated
Impatient
Irritated
Irked

CONFUSED

Ambivalent
Baffled
Bewildered
Dazed
Hesitant
Lost
Mystified
Perplexed
Puzzled
Torn

DISCONNECTED

Alienated
Aloof
Apathetic
Bored
Cold
Detached
Distant
Distracted
Indifferent
Numb
Removed
Uninterested
Withdrawn

EMBARRASSED

Ashamed
Chagrined
Flustered
Guilty
Mortified
Self-conscious

DISQUIET

Agitated
Alarmed
Discombobulated
Disconcerted
Disturbed
Perturbed
Rattled
Restless
Shocked
Startled
Surprised
Troubled
Turbulent
Turmoil
Uncomfortable
Uneasy
Unnerved
Unsettled
Upset

Needs Inventory

Feelings When Your Needs are Not Satisfied (Part 2/2)

FATIGUE

Beat
Burnt out
Depleted
Exhausted
Lethargic
Listless
Sleepy
Tired
Weary
Worn out

PAIN

Agony
Anguished
Bereaved
Devastated
Grief
Heartbroken
Hurt
Lonely
Miserable
Regretful
Remorseful

SAD

Depressed
Dejected
Despair
Despondent
Disappointed
Discouraged
Disheartened
Forlorn
Gloomy
Heavy hearted
Hopeless
Melancholy
Unhappy
Wretched

YEARNING

Envious
Jealous
Longing
Nostalgic
Pining
Wistful

TENSE

Anxious
Cranky
Distressed
Distraught
Edgy
Fidgety
Frazzled
Irritable
Jittery
Nervous
Overwhelmed
Restless
Stressed out

VULNERABLE

Fragile
Guarded
Helpless
Insecure
Leery
Reserved
Sensitive
Shaky

AVERSION

Animosity
Appalled
Contempt
Disgusted
Dislike
Hate
Horrorified
Hostile
Repulsed