12 ways to increase your happiness quotient

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- 1. Share your lunch break with a close friend: spend time out of the office with someone you care about.
- 2. Pretend **today is going to be great**. We often feel because of the way we *act*, not the other way round.
 - 3. Slow down: stop and take a breath. Look for ways to adopt a more humane pace.
 - 4. Do, watch, or listen to something that makes you laugh.
 - 5. Give out compliments: give **sincere praise** whenever you can.
 - 6. **Disconnect** from the world for a little while: shut off your electronics, phone, computer and television.
 - 7. **Create** something, just for the enjoyment of creating.
 - 8. Make your **home a haven**: a place where you can take a breath and really relax.
 - 9. Take a **deep breathing break** every hour: take a deep breath, and another, and another.
- 10. Start **replacing your worries with positive actions**: keep dreaming and doing.
 - 11. **Stop comparing** yourself to other people: you're not in their shoes. Focus on *your* life and where you want to go.
- 12. Measure your progress (no matter how small). We get there a little at a time, not all at once. You may not be where you want to be yet, but look how far you've come.

[And remember: you can't be happy unless you're unhappy sometimes too. Light needs darkness to be light.]



