



Visualization is a powerful method  
that allows you to use your  
imagination to help you relax.

I don't want you to do this  
when you're driving,  
but I'd like you to return  
to it later when you can  
find a quiet time to relax.

Simply find a comfortable spot,  
listen to my voice,  
and follow my direction.

Take a moment to sit back and relax.

Gently close your eyes  
and breathe deeply into your abdomen.

Feel yourself in your body,  
right now in this moment.

As you breathe,  
allow your body to  
completely and fully relax.

Stress is flowing out of you  
with each breath.

Your body is becoming limp  
and comfortable.

Let the tension in your brow go.

Let the tension in your lips go.

Let the tension in your eyes go.

Just relax in the comfortable  
darkness that surrounds you.



Once you feel completely relaxed and centered,  
start to bring yourself to one of your favorite,  
peaceful, beautiful places.

This could be a place you've been before  
like a silent redwood grove with cool shade  
and towering ancient trees  
that protect you in their mammoth embrace,  
or a white sand beach where  
the ocean waves gently lap the shore  
and the smell of the sea  
makes you feel at home.

It could be a place built entirely  
in your imagination,  
a lovely, slowly swaying bridge that you stand on,  
watching a babbling brook flow away beneath it,  
or an ancient oak in the autumn,  
something out of an old legend,  
or golden leaves fall around you  
as you sit under the shade  
and watch the golden orange sun  
pass over the horizon into twilight.

Wherever this special,  
peaceful place is for you,  
take some time to imagine it  
as completely as you can all around you.

Once you have your special place in mind,  
bring yourself into the picture.

Imagine that you're in this  
beautiful place.

Put yourself there.

Take a walk and look at the lovely,  
peaceful, relaxing surroundings.



Before you were looking at this peaceful scene  
like a painting from a distance.

Now you're in the scene.

You're living it.

Be there right now.

What do you see around you?

There's no need to actually  
verbally answer this question.  
Just look around  
and see what you see.

What in this scene is most  
relaxing to you?

Take a walk in this special place  
and see all that you can see.

What do you smell in the air?

Can you smell the trees and the soil  
of the forest floor beneath you?

Do you smell the salty air  
of the ocean side?

Bring scent into your visualization.

Smell the air where you are.

Reach out and touch something  
that's attractive and peaceful to you.

How does it feel?

Is it soft to your touch?



You're living in the scene.

You can feel the ground beneath you  
and the air on your skin.

How does it feel?

Take a moment to listen.

What sounds do you hear  
in this beautiful new surrounding?

Can you hear birds chirping  
in the woods?

Do you hear the ocean waves  
in their perpetual booming rhythm?

Perhaps there is music from an  
ancient flute in the background,

or maybe you hear the voice of  
an old friend that soothes and calms you.

Whatever you hear,  
take a moment now  
to enjoy listening to it.

You can stay in this scene  
as long as you want to,  
enjoying this moment of relaxation  
that you've taken for yourself.

Feel free to walk around in this  
special place as long as you want.

It's yours.

You can change the scene as you wish.

Remember that this special place



is always here for you.

You can come back to it  
whenever you wish.

You need not be afraid to lose it.

It's always with you.

The relaxation that you feel  
right now at this moment  
in your body is yours to call on  
any time you wish.

When you're ready,  
slowly let the scene before you  
dissolve back into your mind.

Allow yourself to slowly come back  
to the comfortable darkness that  
was there before you imagined  
your special place.

When you're ready in your own time,  
you can slowly open your eyes  
and come back to this moment,  
this time, and this reality.

Before you get up,  
take a moment to note how relaxed  
you feel right now,  
and then slowly, attentively,  
lovingly move on with your daily life.