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Sleep Made Practical

A Better Evening Routine Workbook

Clear the evening. Make room for rest.

SMALL STEPS.
USEFUL CHOICES.

- 10 practical lessons
- Fictional everyday examples
- 7-day action planner
- 4 printable worksheets

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A useful place to begin.

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Who this is for

General education and routine planning for adults. This workbook does not diagnose or treat insomnia, sleep apnea or another sleep disorder, and it does not provide medicine or supplement doses. Persistent sleep problems, marked daytime sleepiness or breathing symptoms need professional assessment. Follow an existing clinical plan.

How to use the ideas

The examples are fictional and the planning exercises are original. Read the lessons, choose a relevant action and record your own decision. A seven-day planner is a way to organise practice, not a guarantee of a personal, health or relationship outcome.

About the guidance

Public sources, where used, were checked on 13 October 2026. Lesson references point to the links on page 26. These sources have not reviewed or endorsed the publication. Clinical or legal questions need an appropriately qualified professional. Read the scope of this book before choosing an exercise.

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Read. Choose. Try. Review.

A small practice is enough to make a clear next decision.

Read before using a planner

The ten lessons give context, a fictional worked example, three actions and a writing prompt. Read a relevant lesson before making a choice. You do not need to do every action on the same day.

Choose for your real circumstances

Adapt the organiser to your time, responsibilities, access and preferences. Keep professional instructions when they apply. Choose only activities that are suitable and safe for your circumstances.

Keep a brief record

Write enough to remember what you tried, what happened and what you want to change. A tracker is information, not a grade. You can leave a field blank when it is not relevant.

01
READ

02
CHOOSE

03
TRY

04
REVIEW

Print only what you need

The workbook uses A4 portrait pages. Print at 100% or use Fit if your printer clips an edge. Worksheets are on pages 22-25. You can also read on screen and write in your own notebook.

Ten lessons. One useful week.

Use the page numbers to find a lesson or printable tool.

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Give sleep a place in your day

An opportunity, not a performance

Public guidance commonly recommends seven to nine hours of sleep for adults, while individual needs and circumstances vary. An evening routine starts by protecting an opportunity to sleep, rather than expecting the remaining minutes after every other task to be enough.

Look at your real schedule. When do you need to be awake? Which tasks regularly extend into the time you hoped to rest? What can be prepared earlier, shared with someone else or moved to another part of the day? The answers may be practical rather than cosmetic changes to a bedroom.

Do not turn the guideline into a nightly test you must pass. Time in bed is not the same as time asleep, and a diary is only an estimate. The workbook helps you make clearer choices and prepare useful questions. It cannot promise that a particular routine will make you fall asleep at an exact time or wake without difficulty.

IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Meena finds that packing the next day's bag often happens at bedtime. She prepares it earlier and gives that task a separate place in the schedule. The change creates an opportunity for rest without promising an immediate result.

YOUR THREE ACTIONS

1. Name the wake time your schedule requires.
2. Identify a task that regularly crowds the evening.
3. Protect a realistic sleep opportunity without making it a test.

My sleep opportunity and one task to move earlier:

References: 1 / Links on page 26.

Choose a repeatable anchor

Consistency that fits your circumstances

NHLBI guidance encourages a consistent sleep schedule, including similar timing across weekdays and weekends. NHS advice also uses a regular wake time. For a routine daytime schedule, a useful planning anchor is the time you usually need to wake.

Write the anchor beside your actual commitments. If it is unrealistic, revise the plan instead of repeatedly blaming yourself for missing it. Shift work, caring responsibilities and illness can change what is possible; those circumstances may need a different approach and professional guidance.

The anchor is a planning tool, not an instruction to force yourself to sleep. NHS advice is to go to bed when sleepy. Keep the distinction between preparing for rest and commanding the body to perform. You can prepare a quieter evening, notice what happens and review the schedule without staring at the clock to prove that a target was met.

IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Rohan has a stable morning start time, so he writes a repeatable wake anchor and moves one household task earlier. His partner works rotating shifts and uses a separate schedule rather than copying his timing.

YOUR THREE ACTIONS

1. Choose an anchor appropriate to your actual schedule.
2. Keep shift work or care responsibilities visible.
3. Separate bedtime preparation from forcing sleep.

My useful schedule anchor and limits to consider:

References: 3 / Links on page 26.

Sources and further reading.

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[1] NHLBI: Good-quality sleep

https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/heart-healthy-living/sleep

[2] NHLBI: Healthy sleep habits

https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/sleep-deprivation/healthy-sleep-habits

[3] NHS: Insomnia

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/insomnia/

[4] NHLBI: Sleep apnea symptoms

https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/sleep-apnea/symptoms

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