## **Mountain Pose (Tadasana)**



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This is a great asana to straighten your spine and stretch it, especially if you sit hunched all day long at school. The Mountain pose releases stress and tensions in the body.

- 1. Stand in a relaxed pose with your shoulders down and to your sides.
- 2. Keep your feet together.
- 3. Lift your hands slowly and join your hands in salutation (Namaste) or like you are praying.
- 4. Now slowly stretch your hands above you, and bend backward to face the sky.
- 5. Stay in the position for ten seconds.
- 6. Slowly lean back to position and bring your hands down to repeat.

## Warrior (Virabhadrasana)



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The warrior pose gives you a buzz of energy and lets you release stress with simple moves. It also strengthens your muscles. There are three different variations of the warrior pose. This is a simple one for beginners.

- 1. Stand straight with your spine erect and your shoulders relaxed and to your side.
- 2. Move your feet apart to the sides, with your legs stretched beyond the hips.
- 3. Stretch your arms to the sides and stand firmly. Your arms should be parallel to the ground.
- 4. Bend your right knee slowly, as you breathe out.
- 5. Turn your head to the right and slowly turn your right foot by 90 degrees to the right. Your knee and the right leg should form a right angle.
- 6. Turn your left foot by 15 degrees.
- 7. Stretch the arms further and stay in the position for four to five breaths.
- 8. Breathe in using your belly.
- 9. To release, slowly pull your legs back and put your hands down. You should be back to standing straight with an erect spine.