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Tying your shoe laces

For this exercise, you will need two feet, two hands and a pair of lace-up shoes. Start with one shoe at a time, with your feet planted firmly on the ground or another solid substrate. Curl both index fingers around the lowest row of laces, closest to your toes, until you have a firm grip. Your left finger should grasp the left loose ends of the laces, and pull away from the shoe. At this point, all rows of laces should be snug, distributing pressure equally over the top (dorsum) of your foot. Repeat for each row of laces, moving toward the top of the shoe, tightening the lowest row of laces. Tighten to comfortable level.

While maintaining downward pressure on the shoe with your left hand, wrap the right lace over the left and, using the finger of your other hand, pull the loose end through or over the left lace (discussed herein). Grasp the loose end of the respective laces and pull to create a snug cross. Wrap your pinkies around the laces, staying as close to the cross as you can. Use your left index finger and thumb to elevate the loose end of the left lace to the right, where it will be held by your right index finger and thumb. If you are left handed, do just the opposite. If you're ambidextrous, it doesn't matter.

Using your right index finger and thumb, tap the right lace end over the left loop. Keeping the right lace at your index finger tip, pinch over the left loop and curl under to create a similar loop with the right lace. At this point, you should have two lace loops, wrapped over and under one another. Grasp the loops with your respective index fingers on thumbs, and pull outward on the loops until tight. You are finished. Repeat process on other shoe.