

Pacific Post Partum Support Society

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Self-Test: Do You Take Care of Yourself?

Answer "yes" or "no" to the following questions:

- 1. Do you take time to have a leisurely bath or shower?
- 2. Do you take time to brush your teeth?
- 3. Do you have three distinct meals a day?
- 4. Do you sit down during those meals?
- 5. Do you eat without a child or baby on your lap?
- 6. Do you rest or nap while your child/children nap?
- 7. When your partner or friend offers to help, do you accept?
- 8. Do you ask for help when you need it?
- 9. Do you have someone watch your child / children so you can go out and do something you really enjoy?
- 10. Do you allow yourself to sit without worrying about all the work that needs doing?
- 11. Do you talk to friends (not about their problems)?
- 12. Do you buy things for yourself, not just for the baby/children?
- 13. Do you read a magazine or book, *just* for pleasure?
- 14. Do you say yes or no to sex because that's what *you* want?

If you have a low number of "YES" answers, you may want to look at how you take care of yourself. This is not meant to be a "Should-Do List", it is just food for thought.

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