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Chinese medical massage aims to improve the flow of *qi* (or energy) and blood throughout the body in order to relieve tension and promote healing. Zarig Cooper, a tui na practitioner, says: "It is a natural response to rub and massage areas of the body that are painful or tense and if you take time out, for a few minutes, to perform a more focused routine using simple techniques you can quickly relax your body and mind and renew your concentration and energy levels."

1 Put the whorled surfaces of both thumbs on the temples and with gently but firm pressure repeatedly rub them in a circular motion. The exercise should take eight deep breaths to complete.

2 Run your hands through your hair, applying pressure alternately with the finger tips, nails and palms. Cover the whole head from front to back – do this eight times.

3 Invert the hands and place the thumbs at the back of the head, either side on the spine just below the skull. Again, press and rub both areas with small circular motions for eight deep breaths.

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