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Practicing Nasal Breathing to Reduce Snoring and Improve Breathing

- 1. Keep your mouth closed while breathing.
- 2. Relax your tongue, positioning it to gently touch the **back of your upper teeth** and the **roof of your mouth**.
- 3. Breathe in and out calmly through your nose.
- 4. Practice nasal breathing throughout the day, especially before bed.
- 5. Mouth breathing while sleeping is an **unconscious habit**, requiring **daily practice and training** to correct.
- 6. Consider placing a small piece of scotch tape over your lips before bed as a gentle reminder to keep your mouth closed. This should not seal the mouth completely but rather serve as a cue to train your subconscious to breathe through your nose. If the tape falls off, replace it and continue practicing.
- 7. While nasal breathing may help **reduce snoring**, it may not completely eliminate sleep disorders. However, it can contribute to **improved sleep quality**.

For additional information on **nose breathing benefits**, visit: <u>Healthline</u>.