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1. Begin with shoulders relaxed.
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1. Sit or stand as shown.
2. Try to press your shoulders downward as far as you can. This is a small movement.
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1. Begin with shoulders relaxed.
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