How to Insert Soft Contact Lenses

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- 1. Always insert and remove your contacts **over the sink** that way, if you accidentally drop a lens, you'll be able to find it easier. Just make sure to plug the sink!
- 2. Starting with the right lens first (do it this way every time to avoid mix-ups) scoop out the right lens from the case and place into your palm.
- 3. Place the right lens on the **tip of your index finger** of your dominant hand.
- 4. Using the middle finger of your other hand, pull and **hold your upper eyelid open**, so you cannot blink.
- 5. Pull down your lower eyelid, using the middle finger of your inserting hand.
- 6. Look up and **place the lens gently** on the lower white part of your eye. Or, look straight at the lens, and place it directly on the center of your eye.
- 7. **Look down** to position the lens correctly.
- 8. Release your eyelid, and **close your eye** for a moment.

Repeat these instructions to insert your left contact lens.

How to Remove Soft Contact Lenses

- 1. Always wash and dry your hands before handling contact lenses.
- 2. Always insert and remove your contacts **over the sink** that way, if you accidentally drop a lens, you'll be able to find it easier. Just make sure to plug the sink!
- 3. Start with your right eye again, for consistency's sake. Have your **lens case open and ready**, with fresh contact lens solution waiting.
- 4. **Make sure the lens is centered** on your eye. If your eye feels particularly dry, insert a few rewetting drops to lubricate your lens before removal.
- 5. As you look up, **pull your lower eyelid down** with the middle finger of your inserting hand.
- 6. Use your index finger to slide the lens down to the lower white part of your eye.
- 7. **Gently squeeze the lens** between your thumb and index finger, and remove it from your eye.
- 8. **Rinse the lens** with contact solution, and put it into your lens case.

Repeat for your left eye, and you're done!

Always follow your contact lens solution instructions. Cleaning and storing your lenses is also very important in preparing them for your next use.