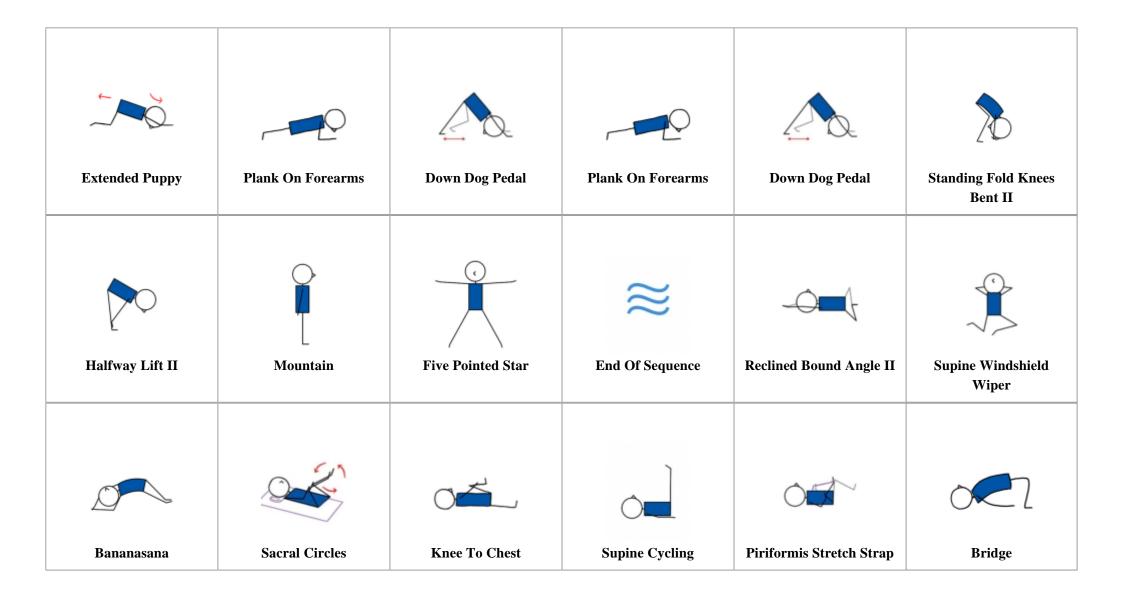
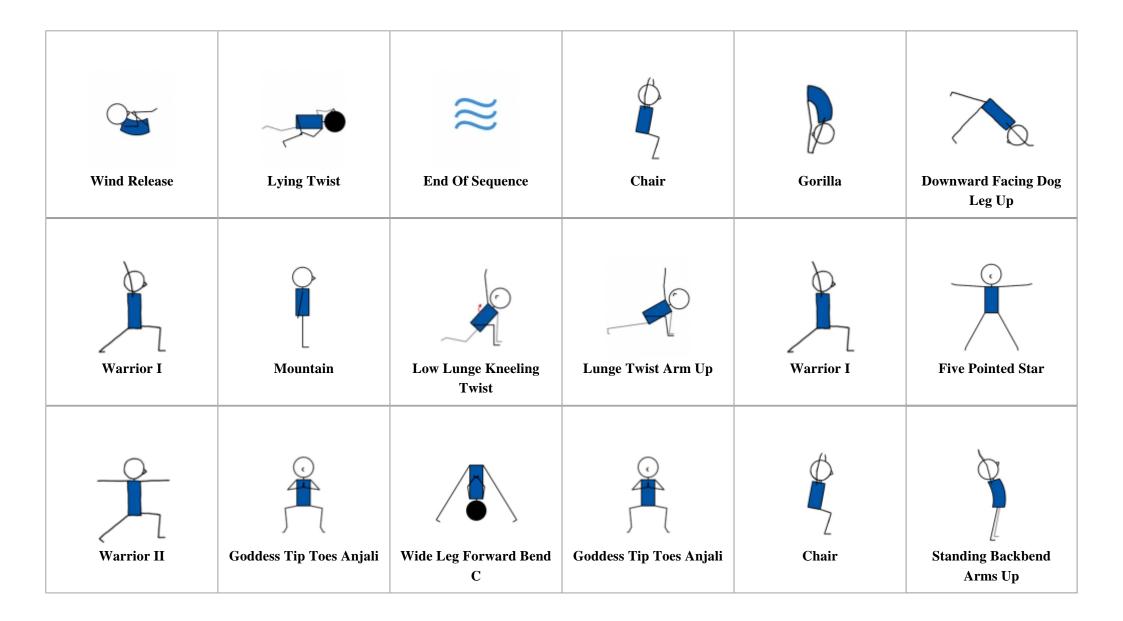
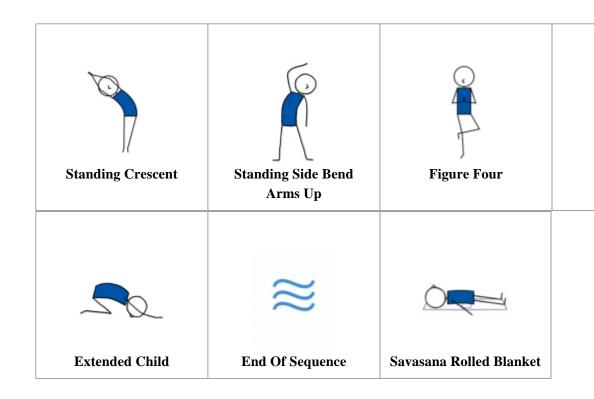
Intermediate Yoga: Warrior II Peak Pose

Bound Angle	Easy Head Circles	Easy Head Turn	Shoulder Rotations	Easy Twist	Easy Side Bend III
Eagle Arms	End Of Sequence	Cat Cow	Cow Leg Raise	Cow Head To Pelvis	Thread The Needle Arm Up
Extended Puppy	Thread The Needle	Extended Child	Thread The Needle Arm Up	Embracing Wings	Half Bow











Gorilla



Downward Facing Dog Knees Bent

Lesson Plan Description:

This is an intermediate-level yoga class. Intermediate yoga flow is a class that is vigorous while using approachable asanas.

Intermediate yoga poses and sequences are what you'll find at 99% of yoga classes around the world. Most yoga teachers only teach "Intermediate" yoga classes because they want to be inclusive and not exclusive. If a Beginner joins a yoga class, the teacher will typically give that person a modified version of a pose to do (e.g. Down Dog with knees bent). Approachable poses can be modified for the beginner or people with physical limitations (e.g. due to injury, preexisting conditions, pregnancy, old age, etc), and can also be explored more deeply by experienced students.

So, time for a recap. Most Beginners will learn the basics of yoga in an "intermediate" yoga class. Even if you find a yoga class labelled "Beginners", it will almost certainly be an "Intermediate" class, because it will be a vigorous class where the asanas are approachable for most people.

So, what is an example of an un-approaching asana? Headstands! Most yoga teachers won't teach them for obvious reasons - an inexperienced student could break their neck. There are dozens of asanas that never see the light of day in an "Intermediate" yoga class because they involve some kind of gymnast-type contortion to get into and out of. Just in case you're curious about what asanas most yoga teachers would only teach in an advanced class, here are some of them: headstands, eight-angle pose, firefly pose, lifting lotus pose, peacock pose, wheel pose, wild thing pose, and flying pigeon pose. A good rule of thumb is to avoid asanas that have the words "head", "fly", "fire" and "wild" (that's meant to be a joke, but you get the point).

There is also a spiritual element to the word "Intermediate" because it implies the "Middle Path" - not too hard and not too easy. The middle place is where we avoid extremes. Moderation is a good place to be in your asanas and in life. In an asana, you want to be stimulated but not intimidated, and so in life. Unfortunately, the word "moderation" in the Western world has been smeared with the word mediocre, which comes from the Latin word mediocris which translates to 'of middle height'.-Welcome the moderate place between too much and not enough because it is where your body, mind and soul will rejoice.