# UNHELPFUL **THINKING STYLES**

AUTOMATIC, BIASED MENTAL SHORTCUTS

# **MENTAL FILTER**

FOCUSING ON ONLY ONE ASPECT OF A SITUATION (OFTEN NEGATIVE) WHILE OVERLOOKING OTHERS (POSITIVE).





# **ALL OR NOTHING**

ABSOLUTE THINKING FOCUSING ON EXTREMES. THERE IS NO IN-BETWEEN.

### **EMOTIONAL REASONING**

**INTERPRETING CURRENT EMOTIONS AS FACT.** 

# CATASTROPHISING

EXAGGERATING A SITUATION IN THE NEGATIVE.

# **MAGNIFICATION AND MINIMISATION**

MAGNIFYING THE POSITIVES IN OTHERS, WHILE MINIMISING YOUR OWN.



#### JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS

MIND READING: Assuming we know SOMEONE ELSE'S THOUGHTS OR MOTIVES.



**PREDICTIVE THINKING: OVERESTIMATING** NEGATIVE EMOTIONS OR OUTCOMES.

#### LABELLING

USING SWEEPING, NEGATIVE STATEMENTS TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF OR OTHERS.

#### PERSONALISATION

**BLAMING YOURSELF** UNNECESSARILY FOR EXTERNAL NEGATIVE EVENTS.



# **OVERGENERALISING**

INTERPRETING A SINGLE, NEGATIVE EVENT AS THE NORM,

OR ENDURING PATTERN.

### **SHOULD-HAVE AND MUST-HAVE STATEMENTS**

PUTTING UNREASONABLE EXPECTATIONS ON ONESELF.

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