Overcome Negative Self-Talk

worksheet



1. IDENTIFY AND LABEL

Take a moment to recognize when you engage in negative self-talk. When you catch yourself saying something negative about yourself, label it as "negative self-talk."

EXAMPLES

THAT WAS SO STUPID OF ME	Ø NEGATIVE	O POSITIVE
I'M NEVER GOING TO GET THIS RIGHT	M NEGATIVE	O POSITIVE
	O NEGATIVE	O POSITIVE

IDENTIFY AND LABEL CONTINED

O NEGATIVE	O POSITIVE
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2. CHALLENGE THE THOUGHT

Once you identify and label your negative self-talk, take a moment to challenge the thought. Ask yourself if the thought is true, and if not, what a more positive thought would be.

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THAT WAS SO STUPID OF ME	Is this really true? What could I have done differently?	
I'M NEVER GOING TO GET THIS RIGHT	What evidence do I have that this is true? What could I do to increase my chances of success?	

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3. REPLACE THE THOUGHT

Once you have challenged the thought, replace it with a positive thought.

EXAMPLES		
THAT WAS SO STUPID OF ME	I made a mistake, but I can learn from it and do better next time.	
I'M NEVER GOING TO GET THIS RIGHT	I'm learning new skills, and I can use the resources available to me to reach my goal.	

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