

Have an attitude of PACE: utilising Playfulness, Acceptance, Curiosity, and Empathy to create a safe and supportive environment.

Purpose:

"Your Story, today" is a key component of Therapeutic Life Story Work (TLSW). It serves multiple purposes:

- Recording: Documenting the client's current experiences and emotions.
- Assessment and Check in: Gaining insights into the client's present state and progress.
- Relationship Building: Strengthening the therapeutic alliance through shared storytelling.
- Introduction to TLSW: Familiarising clients with the TLSW process and its benefits.
- Practitioner Sharing: Allowing the practitioner to share their own experiences appropriately, fostering a reciprocal relationship.

When:

"Your Story Today" can be integrated at various points during the therapeutic process:

- Phone Calls: During scheduled check-ins or spontaneous calls.
- In-Person Sessions: At the start, middle, or end of a session, or whenever it feels appropriate.
- Throughout the Work: Consistently revisited to track changes and developments.

Process:

- I. Feelings Check-In:
- Start: Begin each session with a feelings check-in. Ask the client to describe their current emotional state.
- Finish: Conclude with another feelings check-in to assess any changes or shifts in emotions.
- 2. Present Questions:
- Tell Me Your Story of Today: Encourage the client to tell their story of their present life.
 - Who: the present people, services, animals
 - Where: live, work, play, learn
 - What: culture, identity, like, love, dislike, hate to do, plans and goals
- Throughout the conversation be curious and ask how? (feel, do or react)

You can write or draw, you can use the template, or wallpaper, or notepaper, or type it up - whatever works.

Example Script:

Start: "Let's start with a quick feelings check-in. How are you feeling right now?"

Story Prompt: "Tell me your story of today at this moment. Think of this as a photo of this moment in time. Who is in your world? Where do you live, work, play, learn? What makes up you - your identity, culture? What do you love or hate? What are your goals and plans for the future? [Be Curious] How do you feel, and how have you done these things today?

Finish: "Before we wrap up, let's do another feelings check-in. How are you feeling now compared to when we started?"

By incorporating "Your Story, Today" into your sessions, you create a structured yet flexible approach to understanding and supporting your clients' journeys. This method not only aids in assessment and relationship building but also empowers clients to reflect on and articulate their experiences.



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Feelings check in

Beginning

Confused

Who?

Tell me your story of today

EXAMPLE

Where?

Lives in the UK Works at TLSWi on zoom Plays at the park with Marmite

What?

Publishing another book Teaching The Rose Model Hates flying and does it a lot

Loves Marmite the dog

Feelings check in

End

Excited Heard and seen Appreciated

Paula My sons TLSW community Amy and Nickie

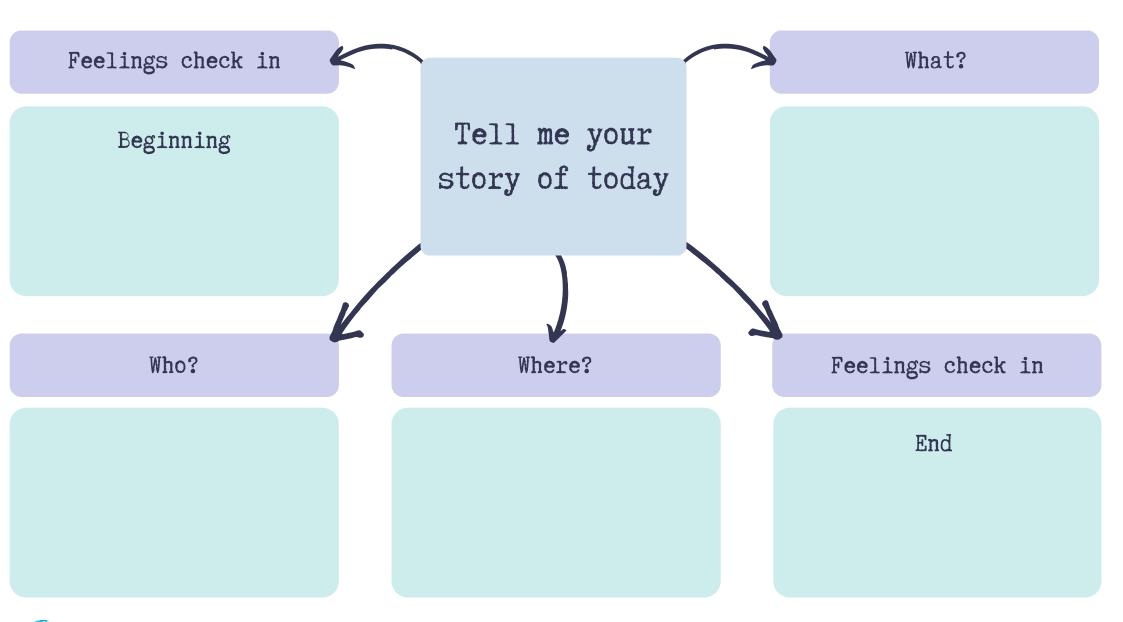
Marmite the dog





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