

Positive Work Ways Tool

A practical mindset activity for individuals, teams, and leaders

Gratitude Snapshot

Why This Works



Gratitude helps the brain shift out of a reactive, defensive state and into a more open and creative mindset.

Even brief moments of appreciation can reduce stress, boost engagement, and increase collaboration — especially under pressure.

Use this tool to build reflective habits in teams or create space for personal clarity and calm.



The Core Question

What is one thing you feel grateful for right now — about yourself, your team, or your work? (And why?)

Facilitation Tips

Encourage people to go beyond surface answers. Gratitude doesn't need to be grand — but it does need to be genuine and felt as an emotion.

Prompts to Deepen the Conversation

- What recent moment brought a sense of meaning, connection, or energy?
- Who helped make your day easier and how?
- What challenge are you glad to have moved through?
- What feels steady or supportive, even when things are hard?

Facilitation Tips

- Model it: share a small, real gratitude of your own
- Allow silence avoid rushing the moment
- Invite people to reflect privately first, then share
- Use "why does that matter?" to deepen the impact
- Don't judge or compare answers – gratitude is personal





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When This Works



- Start or close team meetings
- Individual check-ins or coaching sessions
- End-of-week reflections
- After periods of stress, tension, or big effort

Real-World Examples



- "I'm grateful for a colleague who spotted something I missed it saved us time."
- "I appreciated a moment of calm before a busy week it helped me reset."
- "Grateful that the team kept a sense of humour, even under pressure."
- "I feel thankful that I could ask for help and not be judged."



Want to take it further?

Try pairing this with a question like:

"What's something you'd like to show appreciation for — before the day's done?"

