Negative thoughts occur when people think the worst about a situation and/or decrease their expectations of the problem improving. This unhealthy way of thinking and reacting increases fear and can even lead to anxiety/depression if it becomes a reoccurring pattern that goes untreated. Changing our perspectives on a situation is a healthier way to cope and can lead to positive feelings and behaviors improving our overall mental health.

Directions

For this exercise write out the negative thought or situation you experienced and replace it with a new response. Be sure to answer honestly, realistically and positively. This worksheet can be used daily or weekly. Print as many copies as needed.



Negative Thought or Situation	What positive statement could you say instead?
<i>Example:</i> I will never be able to get this right. At this point it's not even worth trying anymore.	<i>Example:</i> I can and I will get this right. I will figure out a new strategy to help me next time.

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