

Self Help Workbook For Positive Self Talk And Affirmations

A gentle way to use this resource

Begin anywhere. Read one section at a time, choose only what fits, and skip, adapt, pause, or stop as needed. Try one practice before adding another. Reflection is an invitation, not a requirement.

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Before you begin

Take a moment to notice where you are starting. There is no correct answer and no requirement to complete every prompt.

What is most present?	What would feel supportive?
[ ] Tension or restlessness [ ] Heavy emotion [ ] Numbness or shutdown [ ] Racing thoughts [ ] Low energy [ ] Something else: _____	[ ] More steadiness [ ] More clarity [ ] Comfort or rest [ ] A practical next step [ ] Connection or support [ ] Something else: _____

A simple rhythm

1. Notice	Name what is happening without judging it.
2. Choose	Select one prompt or practice that fits your energy and circumstances.
3. Try	Use it gently for a clear amount of time. Smaller still counts.
4. Check	Notice whether you feel even slightly steadier, clearer, safer, or less alone.

Low-energy option

Read only the headings. Circle or note one sentence that feels useful. Then choose one action that takes five minutes or less. You can return later; stopping is allowed.

A person-centered worksheet for practicing self-respect, believable encouragement, and inner steadiness.

Use this at your own pace. Skip, adapt, pause, or stop. You are allowed to choose what fits your body, culture, privacy, energy, safety, access needs, and real-life limits today.

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A printable reflection and practice resource

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Self-Worth, Affirmations & Self-Compassion

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Use choice and care You may skip a question, adapt an activity, pause, or stop. Some topics or exercises may bring up discomfort, strong emotions, memories, dizziness, or physical sensations. Clinical or wellness terms are used only for general education and are not a personalized assessment or recommendation.

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This workbook is designed to help you cultivate a healthier mindset, improve self-esteem, and foster emotional resilience through therapeutic activities.

By

combining evidence-based approaches like cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) and mindfulness, you will learn practical skills to replace negative self-talk

with positive, empowering affirmations.

This

workbook also includes recommended self-help resources to deepen your understanding and support your growth.

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1. Introduction to Positive Self-Talk

Positive self-talk involves recognizing and challenging negative thoughts, replacing them with affirming and constructive beliefs.

It

builds self-confidence and fosters a sense of hope for the future.

Why It Matters:

l Reduces self-criticism and boosts resilience. l Enhances problem-solving skills. l Improves overall emotional well-being.

How to Use This Workbook: Commit to completing the exercises daily or weekly, as indicated.

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Use

this as a supplement to therapy or as part of your personal growth

journey.

2. Daily Affirmation Exercise

Write at least three positive affirmations each day focusing on your strengths, values, and

_____

_____ future.

Example Affirmations:

l "I am capable of learning and growing from my experiences." l "I bring value to my relationships and community." l "My future is full of possibilities and opportunities."

Your Affirmations:

1. 2. 3.

Practice Tip: Repeat your affirmations aloud in front of a mirror to increase their impact.

3. Reframing Negative Thoughts

Step 1: Identify Negative Thoughts

Write down any negative or self-critical thoughts you experience.

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Step 2: Challenge the Thought

Ask yourself: Is this thought true? What evidence supports or contradicts it?

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Step 3: Replace with a Positive Reframe

Replace the negative thought with a more constructive or balanced perspective.

Example:

l Negative Thought: "I always mess things up." l Positive Reframe: "I make mistakes sometimes, but I am learning and improving."

Your Practice:

l Negative Thought: _____ l Positive

Reframe:

_____

4. Mindfulness Activities to Reduce Negative Self-Talk

1. Mindful Breathing

- Take 5 minutes to focus on your breath. Notice the

sensation of the air entering and leaving your body.

When

negative thoughts arise, gently redirect your focus to your breath.

2. Body Scan

- Spend 10 minutes bringing awareness to different parts of your

body. This helps

you connect with the present moment and reduces rumination.

3. Gratitude Practice

- Write three things you are grateful for each day to shift

your focus away from negativity.

5. Reflection and Journaling Prompts

Use these prompts to deepen your understanding of the material and your

progress:

1. How did practicing affirmations impact your mood today? 2. What challenges

did you face when reframing negative thoughts? 3. What insights did you gain from the mindfulness exercises?

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6. Recommended Reading List

Explore these self-help books to supplement your therapeutic journey:

1. A Cognitive Behavioral Workbook for Depression: A Step-by-Step Program by

William J.

Knaus

2. Solving Life's Problems: A 5-Step Guide to Enhanced Well-Being by Arthur M.

Nezu,

Christine

M.

Nezu,

and

Thomas

D'Zurilla

3. The Interpersonal Solution to Depression: A Workbook for Changing How You

Feel by

Changing

How

You

Relate

by

Jeremy

W.

Pettit

and

Thomas

E.

Joiner

4. The Mindfulness and Acceptance Workbook for Depression by Patricia

Robinson and

Kirk

D.

Strosahl

Reflection Question: After reading, what concepts or strategies resonate most with you?

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_____

7. Weekly Progress Tracker

Day Affirmations Written

Negative Thoughts Reframed

Mindfulness Activity Completed

Reflections/Insights

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Final Thoughts

Be patient and kind to yourself as you work through this workbook. Small, consistent efforts can lead to

meaningful changes over time.

Celebrate

your progress, no matter how small, and remember that growth is a journey. danger or medical emergency. Call or text 988 in the U.S. or Canada for suicide or mental health crisis

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Supportive practices and reminders

Trauma-informed choice

You are in charge of pace, privacy, and participation. Keep your eyes open if that feels safer. Change the words, position, movement, or environment. Skip any prompt that increases distress. You never have to describe a traumatic experience to benefit from grounding or reflection.

A one-minute mindfulness pause

Notice one point of support beneath you. Look around and name three neutral things you see. Notice one sound and one body sensation without trying to change either. Ask, 'What would support me in the next few minutes?' Choose the smallest workable response.

Believable affirmations

Choose language your mind can accept. Try: 'I can take one step at a time.' 'My needs and boundaries matter.' 'I am allowed to pause.' 'I can ask for support.' 'This moment is difficult, and it will not always feel exactly like this.' Edit any statement until it feels honest and respectful.

Practical tips

Pair reflection with water, food, movement, rest, medication as prescribed, or contact with a safe person when needed. Save the most helpful page where it is easy to find. Revisit the resource when you are relatively steady so the choices feel familiar during harder moments.

When more support is appropriate

A worksheet cannot provide emergency care, diagnosis, or individualized treatment. Consider a qualified health or mental-health professional when distress is intense, persistent, worsening, affecting daily functioning, or connected with safety concerns. In immediate danger, contact local emergency services or a crisis service available in your country.

Integrate and choose your next step

Pause after reading. More information is not always more helpful; the goal is to leave with one choice you can actually use.

What stood out?

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What is one kind, realistic next step?

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What support, boundary, or adaptation would help?

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If this did not help

You did not fail. Try making the step smaller, changing from a thinking practice to a body or sensory practice, checking basic needs, or involving a safe person. Strong, persistent, or worsening distress may need professional or crisis support beyond a worksheet.