

WORKSHEET: LOOKING FOR GOOD

Changing the way we see negative situations, reframing common negative thoughts, and practicing gratitude have been shown to reduce sadness and anxiety. This worksheet walks you through different ways to rethink situations or thoughts.

What is the situation you are facing that makes you feel bad? Or what is a common negative thought you struggle with?

REFRAME

Even though the situation is hard, is there something you have learned from it or some other silver lining? If you could go back and change the original thought, what's a healthier thing you can say to yourself? *For instance, if you've just lost a loved one after they have been extremely sick, does it feel healthier to think about their death as an end to their pain?*

GRATITUDE

Are there other things going on in your life that you are thankful for? *This doesn't have to be related to the situation above. For instance, you can be thankful for your good health, having a stable home to live in, or a recent promotion at work.*

REMINDE YOURSELF

How can you reinforce your reframed thoughts and remind yourself of what you are thankful for? Make a list of ways. *Example: Copy what you've written above onto post-it notes and stick them in places around your house as visual reminders.*
