

Challenging Beliefs Worksheet

A. Situation	B. Thought(s)/Stuck Point(s)	D. Challenging Thoughts	E. Problematic Patterns	F. Alternative Thought(s)
<p>My mom letting her boyfriend beat me for something I didn't do when I was younger.</p>	<p>She never stood up for me or listened to my side of the story. – 90%</p>	<p>Evidence For? There were so many occasions when he would come home drunk and beat me for just lying in my bed. My step-brothers got away with a lot and I took the blame.</p> <p>Evidence Against? She didn't let him beat me twice. But that was because the evidence was overwhelming it wasn't me.</p> <p>Habit or fact? Pretty close to fact, but it was not "never."</p> <p>Interpretations not accurate?</p> <p>All or none? Well, not never but a lot.</p> <p>Extreme or exaggerated?</p> <p>Out of context? She didn't know what to do without someone supporting us financially.</p> <p>Source unreliable?</p> <p>Low versus high probability?</p> <p>Based on feelings or facts? I guess both.</p> <p>Irrelevant factors? No</p>	<p>Jumping to conclusions:</p> <p>Exaggerating or minimizing: Maybe a little, but I've been told to suck it up my whole life and she really didn't stick up for me most of the time.</p> <p>Disregarding important aspects: My mom was so focused on herself and getting money for us that she couldn't or wouldn't see she was not taking care of me.</p> <p>Oversimplifying: Maybe, but I have a point!</p> <p>Over-generalizing: Maybe she didn't know what to do (food and a house vs. sticking up for me).</p> <p>Mind reading: Maybe she did hear me but didn't know what to say.</p> <p>Emotional reasoning: I know I felt ignored.</p>	<p>It sucks that we had to be in that situation and she couldn't pay more attention to me. – 100%</p>
	<p>Write thought(s)/stuck point(s) related to Column A. Rate belief in each thought/ stuck point below from 0-100% (How much do you believe this thought?)</p>	<p>Use Challenging Questions to examine your automatic thoughts from Column B.</p> <p>Consider if the thought is balanced and factual or extreme.</p>	<p>Use the Patterns of Problematic Thinking Worksheet to decide if this is one of your problematic patterns of thinking.</p>	<p>What else can I say instead of Column B? How else can I interpret the event instead of Column B?</p> <p>Rate belief in alternative thought(s) from 0-100%</p>
	<p>Specify sad, angry, etc., and rate how strongly you feel each emotion from 0-100%</p> <p>Angry (at her) – 100%</p>			<p>Re-rate how much you now believe the thought(s) in Column B from 0-100%</p> <p>90%</p> <p>Mind reading: Maybe she did hear me but didn't know what to say.</p>
	<p>C. Emotion(s)</p>			<p>G. Re-rate Old Thought(s)/Stuck Point(s)</p>
				<p>H. Emotion(s)</p> <p>Now what do you feel? 0-100%</p> <p>Sad (for me) – 60%</p>