

Reframing Questions & Evidence For and Against



Reframing Questions are a great resource for helping us find new perspectives and deconstruct our automatic thoughts. By critically examining these thoughts with four pivotal questions, we can uncover and modify the underlying beliefs that contribute to our emotional distress.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Identify an automatic thought you've had about yourself or a troubling situation.
- 2. Answer each of the four Reframing Questions.
 - a. For the first one, you can use the Evidence For and Against Tool on the third page: write your automatic thought above the two-column table. Take a breath and then take a few minutes to **objectively** assess the evidence for how true the thought is (evidence for) and evidence for how untrue the thought is (evidence against).
- 3. Reflect on your answers to the Reframing Questions. Do you think you've found additional, reasonable perspectives on your automatic thought? Do you still think your automatic thought is as true as you initially believed?



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REFRAMING QUESTIONS

1. What is the evidence that the automatic thought is true? What is the evidence that it's not true?

2. Are there alternative explanations for that event, or alternative ways to view the situation?

3. What are the implications if the thought is true? What's most upsetting about it? What's most realistic? What can I do about it?

4. What would I tell a good friend in the same situation?



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EVIDENCE FOR AND AGAINST TOOL	
Thought:	
Evidence For (Evidence that the thought is true)	Evidence Against (Evidence that the thought is NOT true)



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NOTES:

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