

Personal Goals and Values Exercise

This exercise will help you to identify the SMART goals and personal values relevant to overcoming your problems and developing a balanced and healthy perspective for the future.

SMART Goals

Identifying SMART goals is an essential part of good Cognitive Behavioural Therapy. SMART goals help to maintain focus, determine the most relevant therapeutic techniques and measure progress throughout the CBT process. SMART goals are Specific, Measurable, Adaptive, Rewarding and Time-Bound.

Short-Term 1-4 Weeks:

Specific	Measurable	Adaptive	Rewarding	Time-Bound
What will I do in concrete terms?	How will I objectively measure my progress?	How will this address the underlying problem?	What are the pluses and personal gains?	When / how frequently will I do this?

Medium-Term 2-6 Months:

Specific	Measurable	Adaptive	Rewarding	Time-Bound
What will I do in concrete terms?	How will I objectively measure my progress?	How will this address the underlying problem?	What are the pluses and personal gains?	When / how frequently will I do this?

Longer-Term 7 Months Plus:

Specific	Measurable	Adaptive	Rewarding	Time-Bound
What will I do in concrete terms?	How will I objectively measure my progress?	How will this address the underlying problem?	What are the pluses and personal gains?	When / how frequently will I do this?



Personal Values

Values provide a basis for guiding the way we act to overcome problems and achieve our goals. Use this section to assess the relative importance of your values and decide which six values will be the most important in focusing on what you want to change in your life. Use the checkboxes to indicate the relative importance of each value. There are no right or wrong answers.

Value & Description	H – Highly Important	M – Moderately Important	L – Less Important
Accepting: Open to and accepting of my own value and the value of other people.			
Affectionate: Displaying and expressing love or strong feelings for others.			
Aspiring: Actively seeking opportunities and striving for success.			
Assertive: Respectfully standing up for my rights and balancing my needs with the needs of others.			
Authentic: Being genuine, honest and true to myself.			
Caring: Helpful and considerate to myself and others.			
Challenging: Stretching and continuously learning how to improve myself and encourage change in.			
Compassionate: Recognising and acting to alleviate suffering for myself and others.			
Conforming: Respectful and obedient of helpful rules and obligations.			
Cooperating: Working collaboratively and harmoniously with others.			
Courageous: Brave and persistent in the face of fear, threat or difficulty.			
Creative: Imaginative, resourceful and innovative.			
Curious: Open-minded, exploratory and interested in new and alternative approaches.			
Emotionally aware: Open to and receptive to my own feelings and the feelings of others.			
Encouraging: Promoting and rewarding behaviour that I value in myself and others.			
Equality: Treating others fairly, consistently and equally.			
Fairness: Just, rational and reasonable.			
Fitness: Maintaining or improving my physical, psychological and emotional wellbeing.			
Flexible: Adjusting and adapting readily to changing circumstances.			
Forgiving: Coming to terms with or letting go of negative feelings towards myself and others.			
Friendliness: Friendly and companionable towards others.			
Generosity: Sharing and offering time, attention and resources to myself and others.			
Gratitude: Appreciative and valuing of the things that I have in my life.			
Honesty: Truthful and sincere with myself and others.			
Humility: Modest about my contributions whilst allowing my achievements to speak for themselves.			



Humour: Seeking out and engaging in the humorous side of life.		
Independent: Self-directive, contained and able to support myself.		
Industrious: Hard-working and productive with my time and resources.		
Open-minded : Approaching issues from an objective position, listening to other points of view.		
Orderly: Properly prepared and organized in my life.		
Patient: Waiting calmly and in line for what I want or need.		
Respectful: Polite, considerate and showing positive regard to others.		
Responsible: Taking responsibility and ownership of my thoughts, actions and emotions.		
Safe: Acting in a secure, protective and stable manner.		
Self-aware: Aware of my own thoughts, feelings and actions, considering how I come across to others.		
Self-disciplined: Acting according to my goals and values, rather than my vulnerabilities or mood.		
Tenacious : Persisting despite problems and difficulties and without giving up.		
Tolerant: Coming to terms with, acknowledging and respecting things that clash with my own opinions.		
Trusted: Discrete, loyal, faithful, sincere and reliable.		

Now choose the six most important values which will be instrumental in the achievement of your goals. Insert these into the following table:

Priority	Personal Value
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