

Exercise 28 – The ABC Form in Functional Analysis

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Example ABC Form

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Noisy, Busy, loud or unfamiliar situations where I don't know people or where I feel under pressure to perform.	Getting drunk, behaving in an aggressive manner, shouting or overcompensating by throwing money around.	Posítíve – Gaín attentíon and praíse for buying the drinks or paying for the meal. Negatíve – dístracts me from feeling awkward or vulnerable.
	Helpful Behaviours Listening, being quietly assertive, acting with good financial and social boundaries.	Posítíve Reinforcement – valued for who I am rather than what I spend. Negatíve Reinforcement – Feeling less like a fraud or feeling less exploited.