

## **Exercise 28 – The ABC Form in Functional Analysis**

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|   | Helpful Behaviours  |   |
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## Example ABC Form

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| Noísy, Busy, loud or unfamiliar situations<br>where I don't know people or where I feel<br>under pressure to perform. | Getting drunk, behaving in an aggressive<br>manner, shouting or overcompensating by<br>throwing money around.         | Posítíve - Gaín attentíon and praíse for<br>buying the drinks or paying for the meal.<br>Negatíve - dístracts me from feeling<br>awkward or vulnerable.       |
|   | <b>Helpful Behaviours</b><br>Lísteníng, being quietly assertive, acting<br>with good financial and social boundaries. | Posítíve Reínforcement - valued for who I<br>am rather than what I spend.<br>Negatíve Reínforcement - Feelíng less líke a<br>fraud or feelíng less exploíted. |