# **UNHELPFUL THINKING STYLES**

UNCOVERING HABITUAL AND UNCONSCIOUS THINKING BIASES TO HELP REDUCE EMOTIONAL DISTRESS AND BALANCE YOUR THINKING.

## **Mental Filter**

Focusing on only one aspect of a situation (often negative) while overlooking others (positive), creating tunnel vision.



## CATASTROPHIZING

EXAGGERATING A SITUATION IN THE NEGATIVE.



# MAGNIFICATION AND MINIMIZATION

Magnifying the positives in others, while discounting your own.

## **EMOTIONAL REASONING**

Assessing situations through the lens of your current emotion, where your emotions are interpreted as fact.

## **JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS**

Assuming we know what will happen, without evidence to support it. Two types: Mind reading: Assuming we know what someone else is thinking or what their rationale is behind their behaviour. Predictive thinking: Predictive thinking: Predicting outcomes usually overestimating negative emotions or experiences.



# SHOULD-HAVE AND MUST-HAVE STATEMENTS

PUTTING UNREASONABLE EXPECTATIONS ON ONESELF.

## **ALL OR NOTHING**

Absolute thinking where one focuses on an extreme and ignores the other. There is no in-between.



#### PERSONALIZATION

BLAMING YOURSELF UNNECESSARILY FOR EXTERNAL NEGATIVE EVENTS.

### LABELLING

USING SWEEPING, NEGATIVE STATEMENTS TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF OR OTHERS.

### OVERGENERALIZING

INTERPRETING A SINGLE, NEGATIVE EVENT AS THE NORM, OR ENDURING PATTERN.

