# Naming the Interaction Cycle - Practice worksheet

Map an ordinary trigger, each person's protective response, and how the responses feed each other.

Adults; supported use as appropriate | 15 minutes

Fictional example: Alex asks repeatedly about plans while Sam gets quieter, increasing Alex's urgency.

Use an ordinary or fictional example, with a clinician when appropriate. The recurring cycle can be described without making either person the enemy.

## Practice task

Map an ordinary trigger, each person's protective response, and how the responses feed each other.

### 1. My chosen or fictional situation, and what I know about it:

### 2. My response to the practice task above:

### 3. What happens between you that each person alone cannot explain?

### 4. An optional next step, support, adaptation, or reason to stop:

## Scope and adaptation

Joint exercises require private safety assessment, voluntary participation, and appropriate EFT training. Do not invite joint vulnerability, enactments, or disclosure where coercion, violence, fear, or retaliation may be present. Use individual support and appropriate referrals instead. This collection concerns attachment-based Emotionally Focused Therapy, not tapping or Emotional Freedom Techniques.

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