Signals under the Reaction - Practice worksheet

Separate an outward response from possible softer feelings and mark all guesses for the other person as unconfirmed.

Adults; supported use as appropriate | 15 minutes

Fictional example: Alex sounds irritated but identifies uncertainty about being included.

Use an ordinary or fictional example, with a clinician when appropriate. Visible reactions may cover more vulnerable experiences.

Practice task

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

2. My response to the practice task above:

3. What feeling can you name for yourself without assigning one to your partner?

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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