Sensory Soothing by Preference - Practice worksheet

Compare optional sights, sounds, textures, scents, or non-sensory alternatives; exclude any unwanted option.

Adults; supported use as appropriate | 15 minutes

Fictional example: Taylor finds scented products unpleasant but likes a familiar sound.

Use an ordinary or fictional example, with a clinician when appropriate. Sensory strategies are personal and may not be accessible or soothing for everyone.

Practice task

Compare optional sights, sounds, textures, scents, or non-sensory alternatives; exclude any unwanted option.

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

2. My response to the practice task above:

3. What preference should the plan respect?

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

Scope and adaptation

These are selected DBT-informed educational exercises, not comprehensive DBT, phone coaching, or crisis care. Use individualized clinical assessment and existing care plans. No cold-water immersion, breath holding, intense exercise prescriptions, exposure assignments, or risk scoring are included. Behavior chains and opposite-action decisions need clinician guidance when risk or complexity is present.

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