# Reality Acceptance with Boundaries - Concept brief

Understand the idea behind reality acceptance with boundaries and consider whether it fits your context.

Adults; supported use as appropriate | 8 minutes

Fictional example: Taylor cannot undo a canceled appointment and can ask about another option.

## The idea

Acknowledging reality does not require approval, forgiveness, or giving up advocacy.

## An ordinary example

Taylor cannot undo a canceled appointment and can ask about another option.

## What this can look like

Separate what has happened, what you wish were different, and the actions still available.

## Check the fit

What is true now, and what action remains possible? You may disagree with the framing, use fiction, or decide that this approach is not useful today.

## A useful distinction

Acceptance acknowledges the present; it does not endorse harm or remove the need for change.

## Reflection

What is true now, and what action remains possible?

## 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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