Attachment Need Words - Practice worksheet

Translate an ordinary complaint into a feeling and a request for reassurance, accessibility, or clearer contact.

Adults; supported use as appropriate | 15 minutes

Fictional example: Alex wants a brief message when plans change.

Use an ordinary or fictional example, with a clinician when appropriate. A need for connection can be stated without demanding a specific response.

Practice task

Translate an ordinary complaint into a feeling and a request for reassurance, accessibility, or clearer contact.

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

2. My response to the practice task above:

3. What request feels specific, voluntary, and answerable?

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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