Figure and Ground - Practice worksheet

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Adults; supported use as appropriate | 15 minutes

Fictional example: A job application fills Rae's attention while hunger and noise fade into the background.

Use an ordinary or fictional example, with a clinician when appropriate. What becomes prominent depends on the surrounding situation.

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 changes when the background is included?

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

Scope and adaptation

Keep experiments collaborative and low intensity. Chair-based or unfinished-business exploration belongs with appropriately trained clinicians after assessment, with a stop cue and an observing alternative. Do not interpret symbols, recover memories, force body focus, or use cathartic confrontation.

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