Figure and Ground - Review journal

Review an attempt at figure and ground and choose what to keep, change, or leave aside.

Adults; supported use as appropriate | 10 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

Draw a foreground concern and place competing demands in the background; change their sizes to show attention.

1. What I tried, or what happened in the fictional example:

2. What I noticed before, during, and after; what remains uncertain:

3. What helped, did not help, or was outside my control:

4. What changes when the background is included? My optional adjustment or support request:

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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