Observation and Interpretation - Review journal

Review an attempt at observation and interpretation and choose what to keep, change, or leave aside.

Adults; supported use as appropriate | 10 minutes

Fictional example: A colleague looks away, and Rae assumes the colleague is bored.

Use an ordinary or fictional example, with a clinician when appropriate. Descriptions and interpretations can be explored separately.

Practice task

Divide a page into what a camera might record and the meaning you add; keep both as provisional.

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 do you know directly, and what remains a guess? 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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