Ending with a Useful Summary - Review journal

Review an attempt at ending with a useful summary and choose what to keep, change, or leave aside.

Adults; supported use as appropriate | 10 minutes

Fictional example: Devin wants a summary that does not turn possibilities into promises.

Use an ordinary or fictional example, with a clinician when appropriate. A closing summary can use the person's language and preserve uncertainty.

Practice task

Summarize the preferred difference, one existing resource, and an optional next step; invite correction.

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 would you change in this account of today's conversation? My optional adjustment or support request:

Scope and adaptation

Acknowledge distress and structural barriers before asking about change. Do not use exceptions or compliments to dismiss harm. A personal scale is a conversational aid, not a validated outcome measure, risk screen, or reason to withhold assessment.

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