My House My Meaning - Practice worksheet

Choose a house, apartment, garden, or other personally meaningful structure and assign your own meanings to its spaces.

Adults; supported use as appropriate | 15 minutes

Fictional example: Riley prefers a community courtyard to a detached house.

Use an ordinary or fictional example, with a clinician when appropriate. A house can be an optional metaphor for organizing coping and support.

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 metaphor fits your experience without assuming everyone has safe housing?

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

Scope and adaptation

An original DBT-informed house metaphor for educational reflection, not an official standardized DBT assessment, diagnostic drawing test, or comprehensive DBT. The maker defines meanings. Offer another metaphor if housing is sensitive, and allow omissions or fiction. Do not interpret rooms, colors, or omissions as evidence of pathology or safety.

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