Walls of Boundaries - Practice worksheet

Identify one useful boundary, one flexible opening, and a situation where safety needs outside support.

Adults; supported use as appropriate | 15 minutes

Fictional example: Riley wants privacy around messages while remaining connected to friends.

Use an ordinary or fictional example, with a clinician when appropriate. Walls can represent chosen limits rather than total isolation.

Practice task

Identify one useful boundary, one flexible opening, and a situation where safety needs outside support.

1. My chosen or fictional situation, and what I know about it:

2. My response to the practice task above:

3. What should this boundary protect, and how can it remain realistic?

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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