

## **OBJECTIVE:**

This Thought Diary aims to help you analyze your thinking and challenge unhelpful thoughts.

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

### **Begin with section A:**

Write about an event or situation in which you felt distressed or upset. Record the situation in the same way that a video camera might record it – simply the facts.

### **Then go to section C:**

Write down the words that best describe your feelings. Choose one that best describes how you feel in this situation. Underline this word & rate the intensity of the emotion from 0 to 100. When you have finished, also write down any actions you may have carried out.

### **Now complete section B:**

List all the thoughts, beliefs, values, attitudes, and expectations you had about “A” that caused the feelings and actions in “C.” Use the automatic thought discovery questions available. Find the “Hot thought”, the thought that best relates to the emotion you underlined in “C”. Rate how much you believe this statement on a scale from 0 to 100.

**Turn to section D,** the section in which you concentrate on change and coping. Go through the disputation questions.

**Finally, complete section E:** Balanced Thinking and re-rate your previous thought and feeling.

## **COMPLETE THIS SECTION LAST**

### **E Evaluation: Balanced Thought**

After looking at all the evidence for and against your hot thought, and having considered the disputation questions, replace the hot thought with helpful, balanced thought/s.

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# Thought Diary 2

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Day & Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Re-rate Emotion:** re-rate the emotion you underlined in C, from 0 to 100:

**Re-rate Hot Thought:** re-rate how much you believe the hot thought, between 0 to 100:

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