

CBT: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

CBT helps us to better understand the connection between our thoughts, <u>emotions, and behaviors.</u>

It is our thoughts that impact our emotions and behavior not a situation, person, place, or thing.



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How to deal with negative thoughts?

RECOGNIZE

Recognize negative thoughts

IDENTIFY

What triggered the emotion? Reality check: are you ignoring, minimizing or exaggerating?

CHALLENGE

Where's the proof? Are my thoughts definitely accurate? Are there other explanations?

REFRAME

Reframe so your thoughts are no longer negative, personal, permanent and pervasive.