



Developing a Growth Mindset, Step 1

Once you understand what a growth mindset is and why it is such an important belief system, you can begin to practice this way of thinking.

Step 1: Awareness

Awareness of Your Self-Talk and Fixed Mindset Triggers.

Everyone has an internal voice, and part of this voice is an inner critic, inner hater, or inner doubter—it is the fixed mindset persona. You can hear this persona within the negative self-talk that happens in your thoughts and mind. It can sound like:

- I'm not good enough.
- I will probably fail.
- I can't do this.
- I don't want to risk it.
- I shouldn't have to try so hard.
- If I'm not naturally good at this, I should just quit.
- It's not my fault.
- This makes me uncomfortable, I'm not doing it.
- Why try if it won't change anything?

What does yours often sound like?

Give your fixed mindset persona a name. Naming it helps you remind yourself that this mindset—or habit of thinking—is not who you are!

I will call my fixed mindset persona: _____

Identify your triggers. What situations tend to trigger your fixed mindset persona?

- When you're thinking about taking on a big challenge or learning something new?
____always ____ sometimes ____ never

What does your fixed mindset persona tell you when you're in this situation?



- When you're thinking about making a change?
____always ____ sometimes ____never

What does your fixed mindset persona tell you when you're in this situation?

- When someone criticises you?
____always ____ sometimes ____never

What does your fixed mindset persona tell you when you're in this situation?

- When you fail at something?
____always ____ sometimes ____never

What does your fixed mindset persona tell you when you're in this situation?

- When something goes wrong? Do you beat yourself up or blame someone else?
____always ____ sometimes ____never

What does your fixed mindset persona tell you when you're in this situation?

- When someone else makes a mistake? Do you judge them? Criticise them?
____always ____ sometimes ____never

What does your fixed mindset persona tell you when you're in this situation?

- When you're under pressure or on a deadline?
____always ____ sometimes ____never

What does your fixed mindset persona tell you when you're in this situation?



- When you procrastinate or are feeling lazy?
____always ____ sometimes ____never

What does your fixed mindset persona tell you when you're in this situation?

- When you have a conflict with someone?
____always ____ sometimes ____never

What does your fixed mindset persona tell you when you're in this situation?

- When your reputation is at risk or you worry what others will think?
____always ____ sometimes ____never

What does your fixed mindset persona tell you when you're in this situation?

Awareness of Your Reaction

Ask yourself, how am I rationalising or judging the situation?

How am I beating myself up or blaming others?

What is the fixed mindset telling me?