

My	ı Inner Advisor's Naı	ie:

Rules							
Painful Situation	What rule did my inner advisor give me?	How did I act?	What was the immediate or short-term consequence?	What was the long-term consequence?			
John made fun of me at work.	"People must respect me." "Insulting people is the only way to get them to change their disrespectful behavior."	I called John an ugly fatso.	I felt better. Thought, "He asked for it," "he won't do that again."	I got in trouble at work. I now have a disciplinary action in my work record.			

Judgments						
Painful Situation	What judgment did my inner advisor give me?	How did I act?	What was the immediate or short-term consequence?	What was the long-term consequence?		
My husband was late for dinner.	"He cares more about his work than me." "He doesn't love me anymore."	Yelled at him for being late when he came home.	My husband complained, "You get hysterical whenever I'm a few minutes late?" He ate dinner by himself.	He works a lot of extra hours. He rarely eats dinner at home during the week.		

Past

Painful Situation 1 Describe the situation your inner advisor went over again and again. What thought related to the situation did your inner advisor go over repeatedly? How much time did your inner advisor spend thinking about the situation? (0 = none to 10 = a lot)Rating _____ How much time did your inner advisor spend going over the thought? (0 = none to 10 = a lot)Rating _____ Did the time your inner advisor spent thinking about the situation change what happened significantly? If yes, how did it change? Did the time your inner advisor spent going over the thought bring up any painful feelings? If yes, what showed up? _____ Did you wish your inner advisor would stop thinking about the situation and offer you suggestions instead? _____ If yes, did that wish come true? _____ **Painful Situation 2** Describe the situation your inner advisor went over again and again. What thought related to the situation did your inner advisor go over repeatedly? How much time did your inner advisor spend thinking about the situation? Rating (0 = none to 10 = a lot)How much time did your inner advisor spend going over the thought? (0 = none to 10 = a lot)Rating Did the time your inner advisor spent thinking about the situation change what happened significantly? If yes, how did it change? Did the time your inner advisor spent going over the thought bring up any painful feelings? If yes, what showed up? Did you wish your inner advisor would stop thinking about the situation and offer you suggestions instead? _____ If yes, did that wish come true? _____

Future

Write about a situation your inner advisor imagined that made you feel anxious, fearful, or angry, for example, and what actually happened. Notice the difference between your inner advisor's construction of the incident and its reality, paying attention to where they got it wrong or any inaccuracies.					

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