

Procrastination – Super Action self-talk

Procrastination develops from a loop of negative and self-defeating talk. This activity will guide you through shifting the negative dialogue of procrastination to Action focused self-talk. In a way it is a similar activity to the Challenging Negative Thoughts Activity.

Read the following examples of action shifts and add two of your own

I don't know where to start	I will divide the question(s) into small
	chunks and work on one chunk at a time
I don't know how to do it	I will look up the information in Revision
	Guide and google the key words, watch
	YouTube tutorials to see how they explain
	it. I am bound to get it
I will wait until I can ask the teacher in	I can try to work out some if it now and
class	then I will have better questions to ask
I am not in a mood to do it now	Do it now! Just do it!
There is still time, I can do it later	Time has a way of running out quickly, so
	get it done now!
There is too much to do!	Take one step at a time. Things take time
	to get done
I feel bad but I still want to put the revision	If I can do even a little bit of work on this
off	now I will feel much better
I prefer doing my favourite subject first. I	Once I get into my maths, it will begin to
can always do maths later	make more sense and will be more fun
(Your own)	(Your own)
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