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"Between stimulus and response, there is a space... In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom." (Viktor Frankl - 'Man's search for Meaning')



STOPP - Stop, Take a breath, Observe, Pull back & put in some perspective, Practise what works\*

**Positive affirmations** 

'I keep my muscles loose and relaxed throughout the day.'

'Stop, breathe, I can do this.'

'This will pass.'

*'I have survived before, I will survive now'* 

'I can be angry/anxious/sad and still deal with this'

Write down a coping thought or positive statement for each difficult or distressing situation – something you can tell yourself that will help you get through. Write them down on a piece of card and carry it in your pocket or bag to help remind you.

Difficult/distressing situation	Positive statement	

\*<u>www.getselfhelp.co.uk</u>