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I need to
remember that a
normal reaction to
danger or
perceived danger
is called the
'FIGHT/FLIGHT'
response

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ANXIETY

ANTS or automatic negative thoughts are nearly always untrue

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I can try to face my fears because I am strong and brave. I can do this!

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The feeling of anxiety only lasts a very short period of time. I know it will pass.

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By staying in a situation and facing my fear I am teaching myself that I will be ok

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To ground myself
I can think about
5 things I can see,
4 things I can
hear,
3 things I can
smell, 2 things I
can touch and 1
thing I can taste

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I can refuse to give negative thoughts my time

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I don't need to let my fears control me

Question my thoughts when I feel anxious. Is this true? Where's the evidence?

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I can try 7/11
breathing when I
feel anxious. I
need to breathe
in for the count of
7 and breathe out
for the count of 11

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Remind myself that this is just a feeling and it will pass

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Sort out my worries into things I can control and things I can't control

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What would I say to a friend who is feeling like this? What advice would I give?

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Remind myself that I am strong and I can deal with this

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Think about a time when this happened before and how it turned out

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Let go of worries that I cannot control. I can visualise a balloon floating off with my worry or write it down and rip it up.

I can't control what other people say or do. I can control what I say and do

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Creative people have the most creative thoughts. My worry thoughts are just thoughts, nothing more

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If I switch on my thinking brain I will feel better. I can focus my attention on a puzzle or some maths work

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Singing or listening to music can be calming and helpful to me

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Even though I feel scared I can remind myself that these physical symptoms are just my anxiety talking

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I can learn from this situation and know I can deal with it again if needed

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This is my
threat system
working
properly and I
know it will
pass

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Right now I am not in danger and I am safe

My thoughts are just thoughts, and they might not be true

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My mind is not always my friend

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I have the power to control my thoughts

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I can use my coping skills and get through this

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I can ask for help if I need it

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Scaling my worries can be helpful. Is this a BIG worry or a SMALL worry?

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Anxiety is a normal emotion that everyone feels sometimes. I am not alone

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Anxiety can be like a smoke alarm. It may go off but there is no fire.

I need to look after my body and get enough sleep and exercise. This will help me to feel LESS stress

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can make a plan on how to deal with my worry. This is in my control

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I can do things mindfully to focus my attention away from the worry and onto what is happening right now

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Sometimes I
might not know
why I feel worried. I
can use my coping
skills and refocus
my attention on
something I enjoy
doing

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'What ifs' are usually NOT true

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Is there any evidence to suggest my thoughts are true?

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My anger might be due to something that is worrying me. Can I identify my worry?

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I might be feeling anxious because I am feeling sad. What can I do to help my sadness?

Can I think of a more positive way of looking at the situation I am in?

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I can plan a worry time each day for 15 minutes where I will sort out my worries. Which ones are in my control and which ones aren't?

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Anxiety nearly always makes you think about the worst case scenario. What would be the best case scenario?

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Make sure I have a good routine to my day. Plan my time well. This will help to keep the anxiety down

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Have a self
soothing box of
goodies. Things
that make me feel
good. A snack,
bath bombs,, a
snuggly blanket or
toy

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I can keep a journal and write down all of my anxious thoughts. Writing them down will help me let them go

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I can ensure I
exercise each
day. This will
help my
wellbeing and
boost my feel
good hormones

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I can do a brain dump each morning and write down all the thoughts that are on my mind. I can prioritise the things I need to deal with

I can use
visualisation when
my anxiety feels
bad. I can imagine
my safe place in
my mind

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I don't need to put things off for too long. I need to deal with them

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I can talk to my friends about their worries and understand that it isn't just me that feels anxious

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I can identify my anxiety triggers and that will help me to cope with my feelings

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I can think about something that I can touch that will help me feel calmer

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I can practice
relaxation
techniques to get
rid of all the
tension in my
body

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I can think about things I would like to do if I didn't feel anxious

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I can think of a person who could help me when I feel anxious. I can talk to them and ask them for help