

## Sabotaging or Negative Automatic Thoughts

Automatic Thought	Details	Example	Rational Response
Confusing Wants with needs	You fancy some food therefore your body must need it	The bread smells wonderful. I want some; I probably need it anyway	It does smell wonderful, but I ate an hour or so ago so I don't need to eat now
Negative Thinking	You always see the negative first; sometimes that's all you see	I have tried every diet in the book. They all failed. How can this be any different?	I have read of other people who have been successful on this. I will be positive and really give it my best shot
Fortune Telling	You predict your own view on a future event or experience regardless of your degree of knowledge	I know there will be no low calorie foods at the party or restaurant. I'll put back on all the weight I lost over the last two weeks	Until I get to the party or restaurant, I don't know what food will be available and anyway, as long as I am not silly; one night won't hurt
Discounting The Positive	You put yourself down by disregarding any positive qualities or achievements	I've only lost a pound this week. I've such a long way to go in order to reach my target weight	I deserve credit. Every small achievement counts towards overall success
Labelling	You label people, including yourself, in a negative way	I'm really bad because I've eaten too much today	I'm not a bad person. I just ate more than I intended to
Mind Reading	You start to believe that you know what others are thinking	My friends are laughing at me behind my back because of my past dieting failures	I do not know what others think of me and maybe it is not that important anyway
Self-Deluding Thinking	You convince yourself to believe illogical thoughts	If I eat standing up or if no-one sees me eating then it doesn't matter	Everything I consume counts towards my daily intake of food



- Learn to live comfortably with food; you have to face it more than once a day
- Hunger is not a dirty word
- Don't expect too much too soon
- Eat mindfully and slowly and really taste your food
- Food solves nothing except hunger
- Don't fear failure, learn from it.
- Take responsibility for all your actions

