

# Me and My Mental Health

### People I like and aspire to

There are many people that we may like, love and respect. What do they make you particularly aspire to? What is it about them that you like so much? What are the qualities? What have they achieved that you admire? Make a list of all these qualities. Is it your ideal person? If so, say why this is the case.

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#### What can I control?

What can you control in your life?

Make a Venn diagram and in one circle write down all the things you know you can't control. In the second circle write down the things that you can control. In the middle of the two circles where they intersect, write down the things you may have some control over but not total control.

How does it make you feel when you can't control things? What helps you to manage these situations?

## My Toolbox of Well-being and Future Health

#### How do I relax?

What makes you feel really relaxed? When you feel that your head is free from any worries? When you feel that your body is fully relaxed and there is no tension in any of your muscles?

Think about what you are doing when you are in this state and then think about how you can become more relaxed more often each day of the week. What can you do to relax? Which tools and strategies do you use that work best for you?

## Relationships and Communication Skills

### Challenging controlling behaviour

Some relationships can become very controlling. Sometimes a partner can be jealous. The problem with this is it can be misinterpreted as something good. You might think "he/she really loves me and that's why they're jealous".

Unfortunately it can be quite the opposite and simply build up into very controlling behaviour.

Acts of controlling behaviour might include being bullied, being insulted all the time, being prevented from seeing your friends or family, taking your money, making you feel frightened simply through the way that they look at you.

It's time to discuss this with friends and a trusted adult if you are in this situation. How can you recognise and challenge this kind of behaviour? Is it really difficult?