

Cognitive Distortions

All-or-nothing thinking: "If I don't pass this test. I'll fail at everything."

<u>Catastrophizing (fortune-telling)</u>: "I'm going to embarrass myself during the presentation. Everyone will laugh".

<u>Disqualifying/discounting the positive</u>: "My review went well but it's only because they feel bad for me".

Emotional reasoning: "I feel jealous. My partner must be cheating". Labeling: "I'm a loser."

<u>Magnification/minimization</u>: "Getting a small raise proves how incompetent I am. Getting straight As doesn't mean I'm smart."

<u>Mental filter (selective abstraction)</u>: "I had a good evaluation but my manager said I had room for improvement. I'll probably be fired".

Mind reading: "She thinks I'm not qualified for this position."

Overgeneralization: "No one knows what they are doing around here".

<u>Personalization</u>: "If I'd called earlier he wouldn't have been in an accident."

<u>Should/must statements</u>: "I shouldn't make mistakes. I should always do my best."

<u>Tunnel vision</u>: "My husband doesn't do anything right. He's selfish, mean, and a terrible parent".