

Coping Strategies

We all employ different coping strategies when faced with challenges in life. Some work better for some people than others. We might use different coping strategies for coping with different types of challenges.

Tick the coping strategies that you have used, do use or think would be useful to use.

| Talk to others with experience | Yes | No |
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| Talk to a professional | | |
| Do something to take your mind off it | | |
| Talk to family and friends | | |
| Pray | | |
| Learn more about the problem/issue | | |
| Put things into perspective (things could be worse) | | |
| Treat yourself to something special | | |
| Put faith in medical professionals | | |
| Try to see the positive side | | |
| Take time to process what is happening and how you are feeling | | |
| Meditate, use breathing techniques or practice mindfulness | | |
| Look ahead to a brighter future | П | П |



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| Express your feelings creatively (through writing, art or music) | Yes | No | | |
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| Accept the current situation | | | | |
| Sit with your feelings: recognise them, label them and know they are valid | | | | |
| Use humour and see the funny side | | | | |
| Do something physically active | | | | |
| Focus on things you're grateful for | | | | |
| Plan something to look forward to | | | | |
| Focus on what's in your control and do what you can | | | | |
| Immerse yourself in a hobby | | | | |
| Consider how you can help others | | | | |
| Can you think of any other coping strategies you or others use when facing challenges or tough situations? | | | | |
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