Unhelpful Thinking Patterns aka "Cognitive Distortions" to be aware of:



## **All or Nothing Thinking**

Thinking in extremes. Seeing things as "black and white" or unable to see the grays.



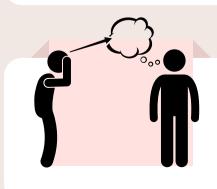
### **Mental Filter**

Only paying attention to certain types of evidence. (i.e. dwelling on one paper you didn't do well on and ignoring all the papers you did well on.)



### **Overgeneralization**

Assuming a pattern based on a single event or drawing a broad conclusion from little evidence.



## Mind Reading

Assuming you know what someone else is thinking. (i.e. your partner is quiet at dinner and you assume they are thinking negative things about you.)

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#### **Fortune Telling**

Predicting outcomes that won't turn out well. (i.e. you are in a conflict with a friend and think, "we will never repair!")



#### **Personalization**

Assuming what others say and do is a reaction to you. (i.e. your friend hasn't called you back and you assume they are upset with you.)



### **Catastrophizing**

Assuming the worst possible outcome. (i.e. You are running late for work and think "my boss will be upset, then I'll get fired and I will never find a job again.")



# **Emotional Reasoning**

Assuming your emotions are facts. (i.e. You are feeling insecure while dating and think you will never find a partner.)