

Affirmation



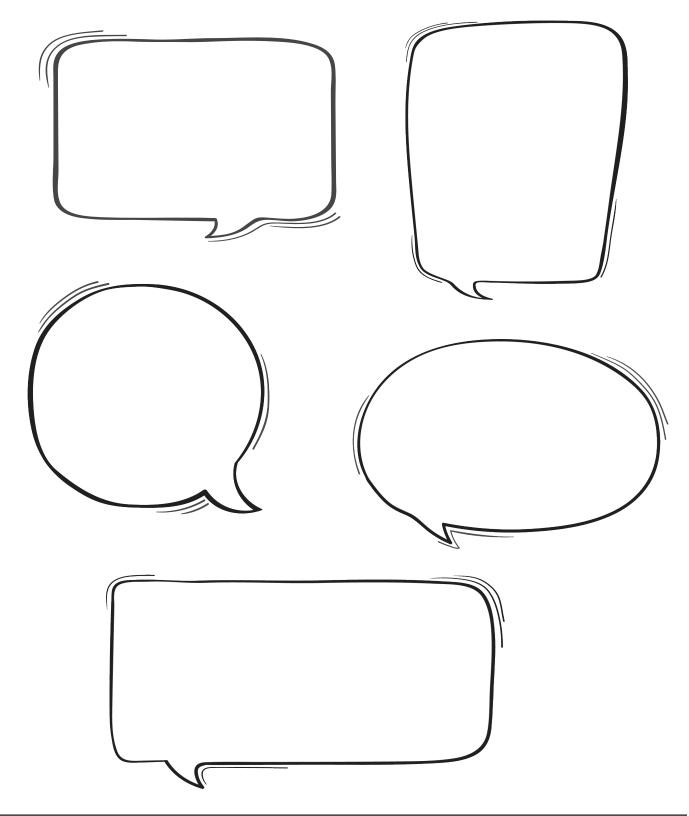
Refer to page 30 in the book, Step One. Admit that you understand, for your highest good, that there needs to be a change in your style of thinking. Take some quiet time to acknowledge this, then record your thoughts as a goal-oriented affirmation in the note below. You might write down, "I am moving toward a more flexible mindset," to record your affirmation, then sign and date it. I also recommend finding a moment to look in the mirror and tell yourself this intention, explaining why—in your own words—this is important to you.



Observing Your All-or-Nothing Thoughts



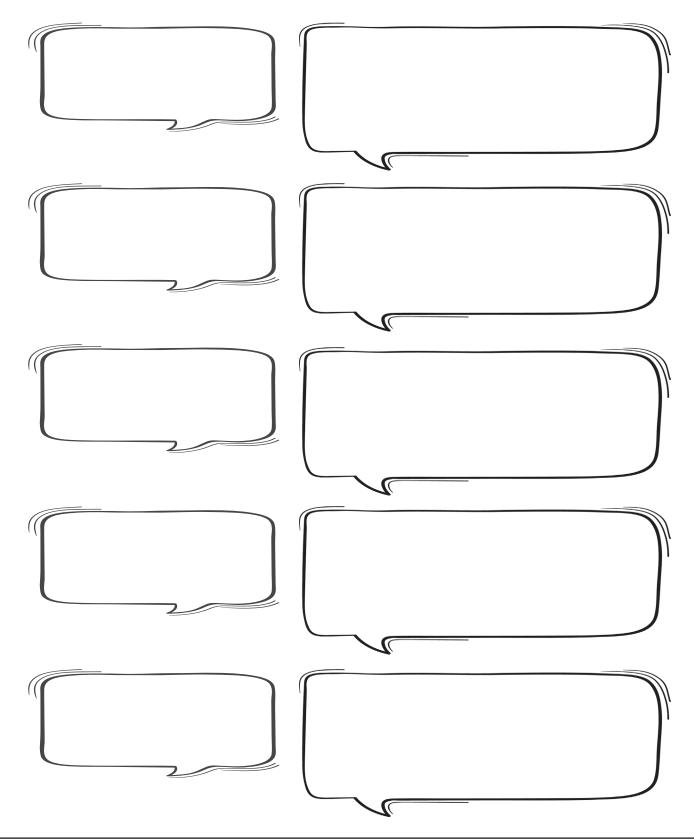
Refer to page 31 in the book, Step Two. Now it's your turn to put your focus on your own All-or-Nothing thoughts. Keep track of these thoughts below. (Pay specific attention to the all-or-nothing thoughts you have about food, but any all-or-nothing thinking you might have is relevant.)



Rework and Reframe



Refer to page 33 in the book, Step Three. Copy your own All-or-Nothing thoughts from the previous page into the spaces on the left side of the page below. Then add strategies on to the right of each thought that reflect a more flexible and less limiting way of thinking.



Challenging the Critical Voice



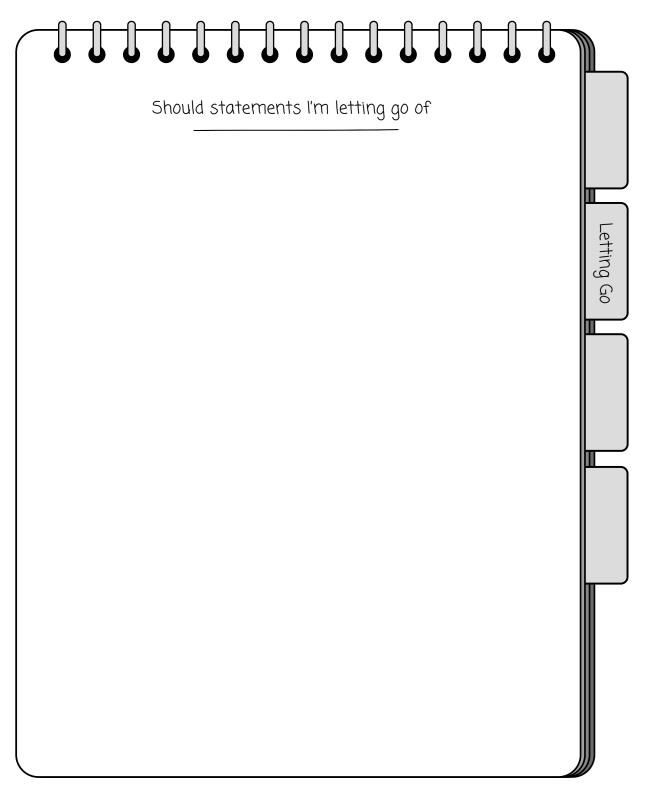
Refer to page 34 in the book, Step Four. Observe how many times you catch yourself saying "I should," or making a negative judgement about yourself. What were these "should" statements you have imposed upon yourself? Every time you say or think a "should" statement add a tally mark next to the statement:

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Next ask yourself if there are "should" statements that would be better for you to let go of? Write down a commitment to yourself that you are letting go of those "shoulds." Be specific about what "shoulds" you are releasing.



Challenging the Critical Voice Contd.



Now, consider "should" statements that you would like to keep, but need to renegotiate when or how or where you will work on them. Write down the specific "should" you chose to renegotiate and what the renegotiations bring about.

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Finally, in this last section, below each statement you wrote out, write a statement saying that you forgive yourself for judging yourself or feeling you let yourself down. For example: if you judged yourself for eating the last piece of cake, write "I forgive myself for judging myself about eating the last piece of cake.

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Affirm Who You Are



Refer to page 35 in the book, Step Five. Finally... take ownership of the following statement, by putting your name in the provided blank space. Cut it out and tape it somewhere you can see it every day, to your bathroom mirror for example. Try to repeat your new affirmation to yourself each day for at least a month. Repetition is key!

