Challenging Thoughts Worksheet

What’s the situation? ____________________________________________________________

What am I thinking or imagining? _______________________________________________

How much do I believe this thought? a little medium a lot (or rate 0-100% _____)

How does that thought make me feel? angry sad anxious other _______________________

How strong is the feeling? a little medium a lot (or rate 0-100% ________)

What is the evidence that makes this thought seem true? ____________________________

What is the evidence that makes this thought seem false? ____________________________

For those thoughts that may have been formed based on what the perpetrator or other people said, is that source reliable? ________________________________

Are you confusing a habit with a fact? Does the belief seem true because you have said this to yourself so many times? ________________________________

Are you using extreme ways of thinking by thinking in all or nothing terms or using exaggerated words or phrases? ________________________________

Are you taking examples out of context by only considering one aspect of the situation at the expense of considering the entire incident? ________________________________

Are you confusing a low probability with a high probability? ___________________________

Are your judgments based on feelings rather than facts? ______________________________

Are you drawing conclusions where evidence is lacking? ______________________________

Are you exaggerating (including catastrophizing) or minimizing the meaning of an event? ______

Are you overgeneralizing from a single event i.e. associating aspects of the assault or perpetrator to other areas of your life? ________________________________

Are you mind reading other people’s thoughts or intentions? ____________________________

What is an alternative way of thinking about this situation? ____________________________

How much do I believe my original thought now? a little medium a lot (or rate 0-100% _____)

What am I feeling now? angry sad anxious other ________________

How strong is the feeling? a little medium a lot (or rate 0-100% ___________)
