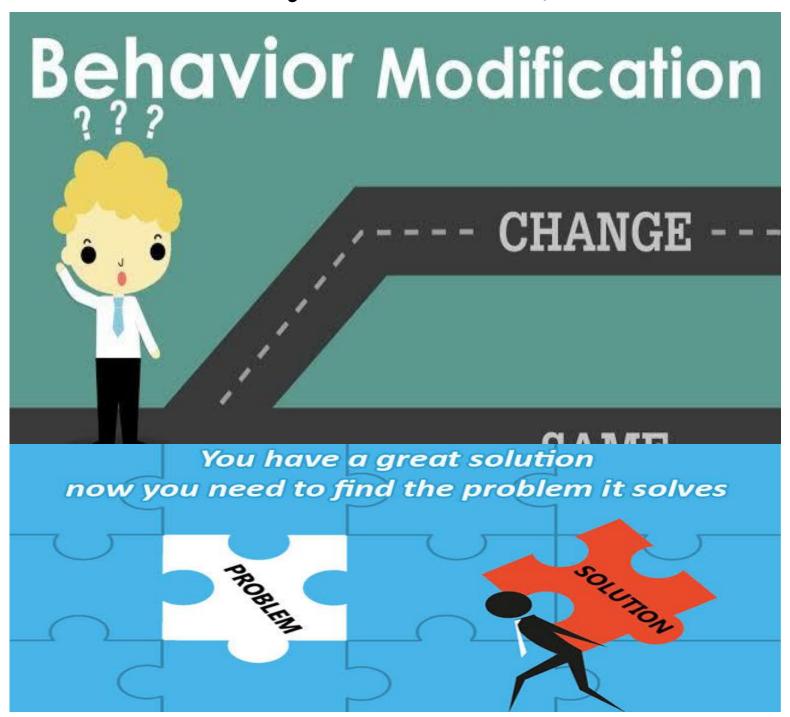


Steps for Successful Behavior Modification

- Acknowledge that there is a problem
- Identify the behavior to change (increase physical activity, stop overeating, quit smoking)
- List advantages and disadvantages of changing the specified behavior

- Decide positively that you will change
- Identify your stage of change
- Set a realistic goal (SMART goal), completion date, and sign a behavioral contract

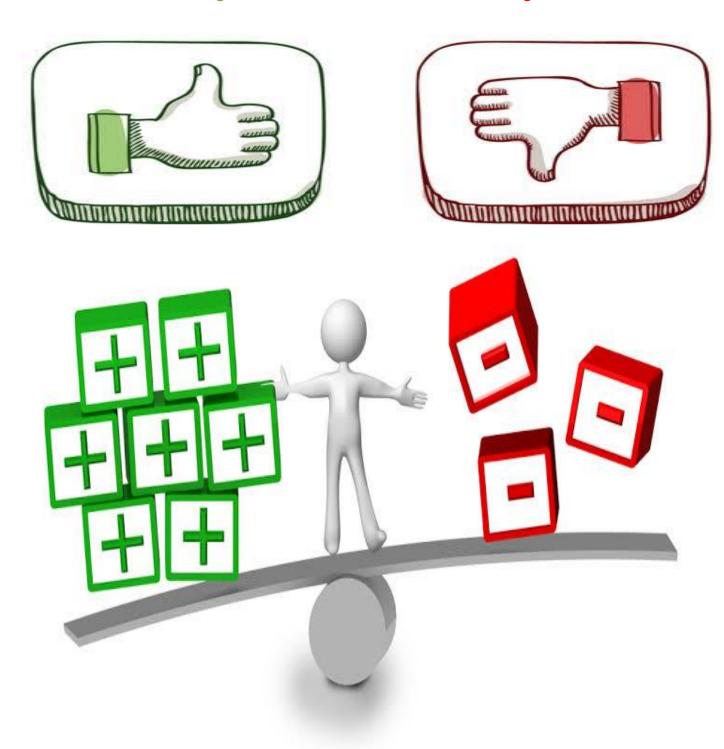
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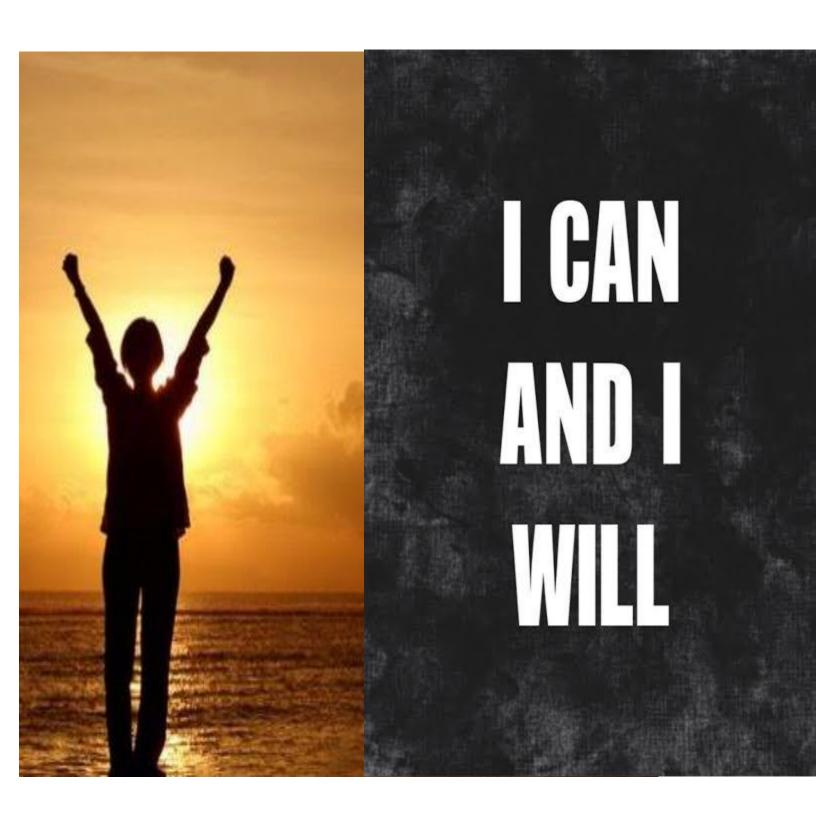
2. Identify the Behavior to change



3. Advantages and Disadvantages



4. Decide Positively..



5. Identify your stage of change

THE STAGES OF BEHAVIOR CHANGE



MAINTENANCE

works to sustain the behavior change

ACTION

practices the desired behavior

PREPARATION

intends to take action

CONTEMPLATION

aware of the problem and of the desired behavior change

PRE-CONTEMPLATION

unaware of the problem

Set a realistic goal





Specific Clearly State your Goal



Measurable

Ensure you can Measure Success



Attainable

Set Goals you know you can Achieve



Relevant

Set Goals Relevant to your Career or Education

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Time-Based

Set a Deadline for Completion

"Whether I'm at the office, at home, or on the road, I always have a stack of books I'm looking forward to reading"



Bill Gates

SMART GOAL EXAMPLE



Specific?

"from my book list" is good specificity "Read" is ok but "finish" for example would be a better word (easier to say with certainty if it's been done or not)

Measureable?

50 books

To read 50 books from my book list this year

Timed? this year

Relevnt?

Depends. Is the timing good? What else is going on? Is this attached to a larger dream? Is the quality of the books good?

Attainable?

This would depend on multiple factors. The reading speed of the goal setter, available time. Is it both challenging and possible considering all?