## **Cognitive Distortions**



#### **FILTERING**

Focussing on the negative Ignoring the positive



#### **CATASTROPHIZING**

Expecting the worst case scenario Minimizing the positive



#### **POLARIZED THINKING**

All-or-nothing thinking Ignoring complexity



#### **HEAVEN'S REWARD FALLACY**

Expecting self-sacrifice to be rewarded



#### CONTROL FALLACIES

Assumes only others to blame Assumes only self to blame



#### **ALWAYS BEING RIGHT**

Being wrong is unacceptable
Being right supercedes everything



#### **FALLACY OF FAIRNESS**

Assumes life should be fair



#### **PERSONALIZATION**

Always assuming self responsible



#### **OVERGENERALIZATION**

Assumes a rule from one experience



#### JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS

Makes assumptions based on little evidence



# EMOTIONAL REASONING

"If I feel it, it must be true."



## BLAMING

Assumes everyone else at fault



#### **FALLACY OF CHANGE**

Expects others to change



# GLOBAL LABELLING

Extreme generalization



## "SHOULDS"

Holds tight to personal rules of behaviour Judges self and others if rules broken

