

#### Noticing your internal dialogue

When you've made a mistake, let someone down, hurt someone's feelings, done something embarrassing, what do you typically say to yourself?

### On a scale of 1 to 10 how painful/mean are your words? (circle a number)

They are fine 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Super mean!

## Noticing your external dialogue

If someone you loved made the same mistake, let someone down, hurt someone's feelings, did something embarrassing, what would you say to them?

### On a scale of 1 to 10 how painful/mean are your words? (circle a number)

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### What is the difference?

If you speak to yourself in a different manner than you speak to others, why?

### Build your Self-Compassion Muscle - Understand Your Baseline

List areas/topics in your life that you tend to be self-critical. (Component: Self-Kindness)

List situations or events that you either 'minimize their importance/impact' or 'exaggerate their importance/impact'. (Component: Mindfulness)



List situations or events where you feel isolated, or that you are the only one who is dealing with this thing. (Component: Common Humanity)

## Build your Self-Compassion Muscle - Take Action

Listed above are areas where you struggle from the three components of self-compassion; self-kindness, mindfulness and common humanity. Please select 1-3 things that you'd like to focus on increasing your self-compassion as you build your self-compassion muscle.

I will focus on:

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I will take the following steps or actions to improve my self-compassion:

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### Try some self-compassion tools:

Not sure where to start? Explore some of the tools listed below to help build your self-compassion muscle:

**Write a self-compassion letter** - Explore a situation where you are being self-critical and write a letter to yourself using kind words, dealing with the actual situation, reminding yourself of your humanity.

**Practice a self-compassion meditation** - There are many 'self-compassion' specific meditations available, any meditation labeled 'Loving Kindness' is a self-compassion meditation.

**Create a self-compassion mantra for yourself** - A mantra is a word or saying that aids concentration, especially during meditation or times of challenge.

**Practice 'soothing touch'** Sometimes when we are suffering we just need some physical contact that is comforting. Hold your hand over your heart and take a few breaths, stroke your cheek, give yourself a hug.

#### Reflect on your success:

As you've adopted a more self-compassionate approach to yourself, what is different?

Once you have completed this worksheet, please email it to <u>hello@dietvsdisease.org</u> so it can be uploaded to your file. You are welcome to repeat the worksheet as many times as you want over the program to collate to your progress with this task.