

EXAMPLE: RECOGNIZING YOUR EMOTIONS WORKSHEET

Questions	Your Responses
When did the situation happen?	Last night.
What happened? (Describe the event.)	I came home and my husband was lying on the sofa drunk again. He still refuses to go to therapy or AA. I yelled at him and called him a "worthless drunk." But he just sat there, without saying anything. So I went in the bathroom and cut myself.
Why do you think that situation happened? (Identify the causes.)	My husband is an alcoholic who hates me and regrets marrying me. I also think he's given up on his own life and just does things like this to hurt me on purpose.
How did that situation make you feel, both emotionally and physically? (Try to identify both the primary and the secondary emotions.)	Primary emotions: Anger Secondary emotions: Hopelessness and shame Physical sensations: Face and arms became tense, sick to my stomach
What did you want to do as a result of how you felt? (What were your urges?)	I wanted to hit my husband, and I had the urge to kill myself to end my pain.
What did you do and say? (What actions or behaviors did you engage in as a result of how you felt?)	I locked myself in the bathroom and started cutting myself. Then I went to bed by myself because I was so angry. I yelled at my husband and called him a "worthless drunk."
How did your emotions and actions affect you later? (What short-term or long-term consequences were there as a result of your actions?)	I was so angry when I went to bed that I forgot to set my alarm. So I woke up late for work. When I got in, my boss yelled at me again. He said that if I'm late one more time, he'll have to fire me.