## UNHELPFUL THINKING STYLES

Sometimes called 'black and white thinking'
If I'm not perfect I have failed Either I do it right or not at all

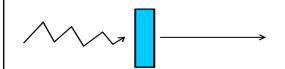
Seeing a pattern based upon a single event, or being overly broad in the conclusions we draw  $\,$ 





Only paying attention to certain types of evidence.

Noticing our failures but not seeing our successes

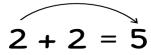


Discounting the good things that have happened or that you have done for some reason or another That doesn't count



There are two key types of jumping to conclusions:

- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  Mind reading (imagining we know what others are thinking)
- · Fortune telling (predicting the future)



Blowing things out of proportion (catastrophising), or inappropriately shrinking something to make it seem less important

## SHOULD! **MUST!**

Assuming that because we feel a certain way what we think must

I feel embarrassed so I must be an idiot

Using critical words like 'should', 'must, or 'ought' can make us feel guilty, or like we have already failed
If we apply 'shoulds' to other people the result is often
frustration

