

Socratic Questions

Thoughts are like a running dialogue in your brain. They come and go fast. So fast, in fact, that we rarely have the time to question them. Because our thoughts determine how we feel, and how we act, it's important to challenge any thoughts that cause us harm.

Spend a moment thinking about each of the following questions, and record thorough responses. Elaborate, and explain “why” or “why not” in your responses.

Thought to be questioned:

What is the evidence for this thought? Against it?

Am I basing this thought on facts, or on feelings?

Is this thought black and white, when reality is more complicated?

Could I be misinterpreting the evidence? Am I making any assumptions?

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Might other people have different interpretations of this same situation? What are they?

Am I looking at all the evidence, or just what supports my thought?

Could my thought be an exaggeration of what's true?

Am I having this thought out of habit, or do the facts support it?

Did someone pass this thought / belief to me? If so, are they a reliable source?

Is my thought a *likely* scenario, or is it the *worst case* scenario?