



DBT suggests that there are times when we cannot change a situation/circumstance, and instead of solving the problem we need to tolerate the moment. DBT suggests a number of distress tolerance skills to tolerate the moment. A way to remember this skill specifically is the word **ACCEPTS**.

Emotions

Read emotional books or stories, old letters. Watch emotional TV shows; go to emotional movies. Listen to emotional music. (Be sure the event creates different emotions.) Ideas: Scary movies, joke books, comedies, funny records, religious music, soothing music or music that fires you up, going to a store and reading funny greeting cards.

Practice

Instructions: List between five and ten movies, songs, books, or other activities that you could use to change an emotion:

1: _____

2: _____

3: _____

4: _____

5: _____

6: _____

7: _____

8: _____

9: _____

10: _____

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Instructions: During the week, when situations arise wherein you feel very emotional, practice this skill, and document the circumstances below.

Situation 1:

Describe the situation:

Activity chosen:

How did you feel *before* you used the activity to distract & how intense was the emotion?

How did you feel *after* you used the activity to distract & how intense was the emotion?

Situation 2:

Describe the situation:

Activity chosen:

How did you feel *before* you used the activity to distract & how intense was the emotion?

How did you feel *after* you used the activity to distract & how intense was the emotion?
