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Think Happy

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Aim

• I understand how happy thoughts can make me feel better.

Success Criteria

- I can describe different emotions and consider how to deal with different feelings.
- I can identify positive and negative thoughts.
- I can think of different, more positive ways, to think about things.

This resource is fully in line with the Learning Outcomes and Core Themes outlined in the PSHE Association.

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The Big Questions

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What is positive thinking?

How can it help us feel good?

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Think a Happy Thought



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Let's all sit very quietly. Try to clear your mind. If it helps, you can close your eyes. Now, think of a happy thought...

This could be something you are looking forward to, or a happy occasion that you were part of.

It might be a thought about a particular person or place that makes you feel happy.

What Is Positive Thinking?



What is positive thinking?

Well, being **positive** means looking for the good in things, rather than the bad.

A positive thinker focuses on making the **best** of a situation, rather than complaining about it.

Positive thinkers are said to 'look on the bright side'.

What Is Positive Thinking?



Can you think of positive words?

These are words we might use if we are thinking positive, happy thoughts, rather than complaining and being grumpy.

Tell your partner a positive word you might use if you were sharing a happy memory or talking about a person or place that makes you happy.

Did you get any of these?

enjoy	smile		good	fantastic
	brilliant	amazing	special	love
great	nice	better	laug	gh <mark>best</mark>

Positive Thoughts



Have you ever looked outside when it's been raining and felt a bit down, because it means you can't go out to play? That's the down side of rain, but there is an up side, too.

A positive person might say to themselves,

'What great weather for all the plants that need a drink!'

Positive Thoughts



Imagine you are having an exciting day out, at the park, beach, or fun fair. You have had a great morning and it is now lunchtime.

Some people might feel a bit sad that the morning has gone and that they now only have half a day left until home time. They are focusing on the negative, not the positive.

A positive thinker would say,

'What a great morning – and we still have the whole afternoon left to enjoy!'

Positive Thoughts



How many of you have had a friend over to play, then made a bit of a grumpy fuss when it is time for them to go home?

Well, a positive thinker might say to themselves,

'I had a great time with my friend. I hope they can come round again, or I might get invited to their house.'



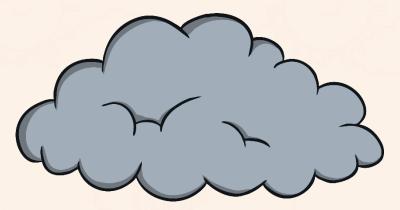


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There is a saying, "Every cloud has a silver lining."

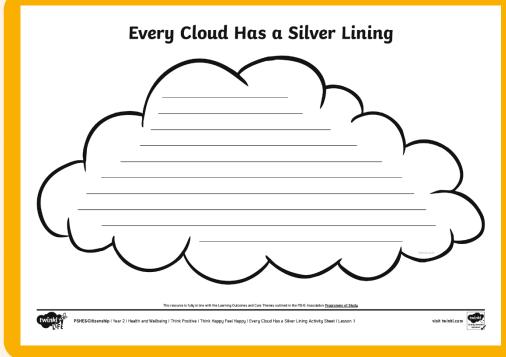
People think of clouds as grey and grumpy. They block the sunshine and are often full of rain to spoil the day.

But lots of people say that even in a grey and grumpy cloud, there is something good (that's the silver lining).



So, when something not-so-good happens, you can usually find something that is good about that situation if you look hard enough.

Each of you has a cloud shape to write on.



Listen to this story and how the child in the story feels. See if you can find a positive thought to write on your cloud, looking for the good in the situation, instead of focusing on the bad.



Jude is off to the zoo, with Dad. It is summer, but the sun is behind the clouds.





Dad won't let Jude wear the new trainers they bought at the weekend.

Jude really wants to see the big cats, such as tigers, leopards and lions, but last time they were all asleep in the shade, at the back of their enclosures, so no one could see them.





Dad has forgotten the picnic and the camera!



So Jude seems to be focusing on the negative things about the day – things that have gone wrong, or things that might spoil the day.

Can you think of some positive thoughts Jude could have about the situation?

What is good about the sun being behind the clouds? What is good about not being allowed to wear the new trainers? What might happen today with the big cats? What could Jude and Dad do instead of having a picnic? What could Jude and Dad do instead of taking photos?