

Exercise

Professional Version | US English

Motivation And Ambivalence



Description

Motivation to change is a critical component of success in therapy, but not everyone begins therapy in an ideal frame of mind. *Motivation And Ambivalence* is a worksheet which can help your clients to explore the advantages and disadvantages of 'changing' and 'not-changing'. Therapists can take advantage of the recency effect by exploring the advantages-of-changing last.

Instructions

Clients should be guided to reflect upon a specific problem or situation, and to consider the advantages and disadvantages of 'not changing' and 'changing'.

It is often helpful to consider the advantages of change as a final step in order to leave clients feeling hopeful about change, and to take advantage of the recency effect – clients are left 'primed' and aware of the benefits of change.

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Advantages

Disadvantages

Not Change

Change

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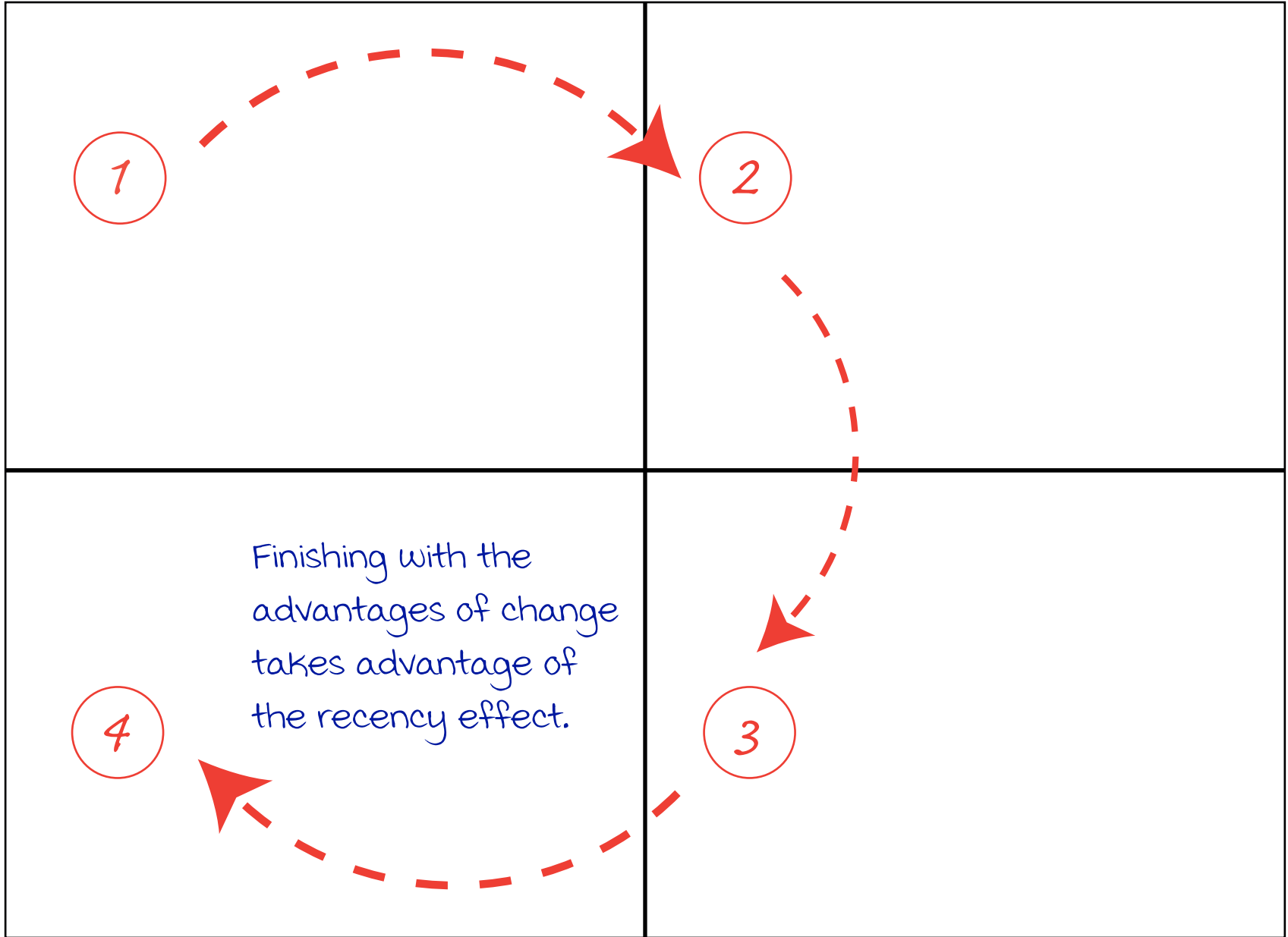
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Finishing with the advantages of change takes advantage of the recency effect.



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