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Growth Mindset in Action



When do you fall into fixed?

What is growth mindset?



Growth Mindset is like being a sponge. You are absorb new knowledge, are open to feedback and adaptable.

 Love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort and keep on learning. Carol Dweck



Fixed mindset is like being a mountain. Everything feels set in stone. Your thinking is rigid and you resist change.

The moments when mindset matters

- Starting a new job
 Fixed: 'I know it all' a need to prove your knowledge
 Growth: 'I don't know that yet, could you please help?'
 Seeking feedback from a range of people.
 - When you're a manager
 Fixed: Defensive about feedback, ego-driven
 Growth: Asking for and acknowledging feedback.
 Putting the success of your team ahead of your own.

- Having a difficult conversation
 Fixed: Avoid the conversation, don't listen
 Growth: Consider opinions. Seeking to
 understand not just to be understood.
 - When you're under pressure
 Fixed: Blaming, making excuses
 Growth: Asking for help. Collaborating. Learning from your mistakes. Taking accountability.

Top tips

Know your mindset triggers to stay in growth mindset mode as much as possible. **Build your curiosity capability.** Focus on the questions you ask as much as the answers you give. **Find your growth mindset role models**. Observe how they learn, adapt and respond to challenge.

Coach Yourself Questions



How can you help others adopt a growth mindset?



How could adopting a growth mindset help you achieve your goals?

Recommended resources



<u>Mindset: The new psychology</u> of success Carol Dweck



The power of believing you can improve Carol Dweck's TED Talk



<u>Why curiosity is a career</u> <u>superskill</u> Squiggly Careers podcast #26

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