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Bouncing back after a disappointment

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Where are we heading?

What is disappointment? Types of disappointment 8 useful questions to help you bounce back and move on What sort of professional disappointments have you experienced?

Our survey said

- Research grant rejected
- Paper not published
- Harsh feedback on your performance
- Fail to get a job you were interviewed (and asked to apply for)

- Event you were looking forward to was cancelled
- Colleague let you down
- Relationship breakup

What is disappointment?



Name how you feel



Talk to someone



How long do you want to feel like this?



Hippo time



Managing the mind

Challenge unhelpful thoughts



Time for an activity

Think of a time when you have had a disappointment

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Question 1...

How did you feel? Name how you felt



How important is this issue on a scale of 1 to 10?



Will this matter in 6 months time? Get perspective



How else could I look at this?



How would I like to respond to this disappointment?

Is my response appropriate?



The power of a pause



What advice would I give to a friend?



How could I influence or improve the situation?



What would I do differently next time?



Bonus Question

What did I learn?

What was most useful for you today...write it down!









Question Time



Thank you...

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