

Bounce Back

- **Bad times don't last.** Things always get better. Stay optimistic.
- **Other people can help** if you talk to them. Get a reality check.
- **Unhelpful thinking** makes you feel more upset. Think again.
- **Nobody is perfect** – not you and not others.
- **Concentrate on the positives** (no matter how small) and use laughter.
- **Everybody experiences sadness, failure, rejection and setbacks** sometimes, not just you. They are normal part of life. Try not to personalise them.
- **Blame fairly.** How much of what happened was due to you, to others and to bad luck or circumstances?
- **Accept what can't be changed** (but try to change what you can change first).
- **Catastrophising exaggerates your worries.** Don't believe the worst possible picture.
- **Keep things in perspective.** It's only a small part of your life, we will get through this.