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**S**

**Specific**

**What is your goal?** Write down exactly what you want to achieve. Be clear and detailed about what you expect to accomplish.

*Example: I want to finish writing a 20-page research paper on climate change for my environmental science class.*



**M**

**Measurable**

**How will you measure your progress?** Determine how you will track your progress and know when you have achieved your goal.

*Example: I will measure my progress by completing 5 pages each week, ensuring that I reach the 20-page target by the deadline.*



**A**

**Achievable**

**Is your goal realistic? What steps can you take to make your goal achievable?** Break down your goal into smaller, manageable tasks.

*Example: I will allocate two hours each day to work on my paper, ensuring that I have enough time to research, write, and revise.*

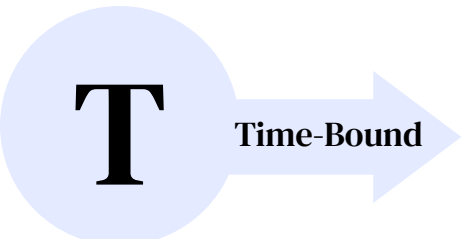


**R**

**Relevant**

**Does this goal align with your broader objectives?** Ensure that your goal is relevant and meaningful to your overall life or career goals. Reflect on the value and impact of achieving this goal.

*Example: Completing this research paper will help me improve my writing skills and deepen my understanding of climate change, which is essential for my career in environmental science.*



**T**

**Time-Bound**

**What is your deadline for achieving this goal?** Set a specific date by which you plan to achieve your goal. Identify immediate actions you can take to begin your progress.

*Example: My deadline for the research paper is December 15th. I will start by creating an outline and gathering initial research materials today.*

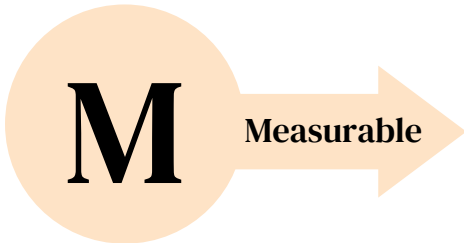


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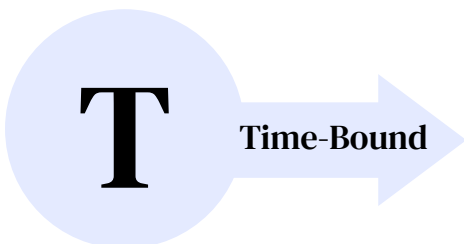
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# Additional Resources to Support Your Mental Health Journey

It can be hard to know where to begin looking for support in your mental health journey. Getting a referral from a primary care physician is a reliable first step. Also, sometimes family and friends have experienced similar issues and have professionals they would recommend. The experts at ChoosingTherapy.com are here to help as well, with resources we have reviewed and recommend. Our [strict editorial standards](#) ensure our reviews are fair, honest, thorough, and based on firsthand experience.

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Data Points Analyzed



### [Best Online Therapy](#)

Online therapy is a convenient way to connect with a licensed therapist to address mental health issues, reduce unhealthy behaviors, develop effective coping skills, and get more satisfaction out of life. Many companies accept insurance and most have next-day appointments available.

### [Best Online Psychiatry](#)

Online psychiatry providers enable patients to consult with licensed psychiatrists and other mental health professionals. They can evaluate, diagnose, and prescribe medication to help manage mental health issues. Many companies accept insurance and most have next-day appointments available.



### [Best Mental Health Apps](#)

Apps can be great way to monitor mood, track sleep, journal, and practice healthy coping skills like mindfulness and meditation. There are apps specifically designed to help people reduce the symptoms of depression, anxiety, ADHD, chronic stress, and burnout.

### [Therapist Directory](#)

When you're looking for a mental health provider with a very particular skill set, level of experience, or personality type, a therapist directory can be very helpful. Using the filters, you can refine your search until you find a therapist who feels like a perfect fit.

