

Taking Charge after Stroke (TaCAS)

Study booklet



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*weak, hard to talk, hard to walk,
feel funny, tired, can't concentrate,
lonely, sad, can't work, need help*



A stroke person

For example:

*Mother, daughter, wife, choir member,
helper, walker, gardener, grandma, teacher,
friend, reader, joker, volunteer, strong, happy,
energetic, warm, kind, gentle and lots more!*



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Overall hopes, aims, aspirations for next 12 months

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Main fears

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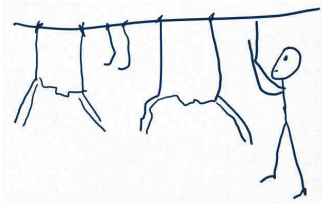
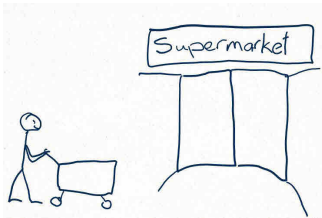


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Physical things like getting around, washing and dressing, doing the housework

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e.g.	To walk to the shop on my own	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Walk unaided – 1 month 2. Walk unaided 200m – 3 months 3. Walk to shop – 6 months 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Walking practice with support person present five times per week 2. Physio advice about stick and walking frame
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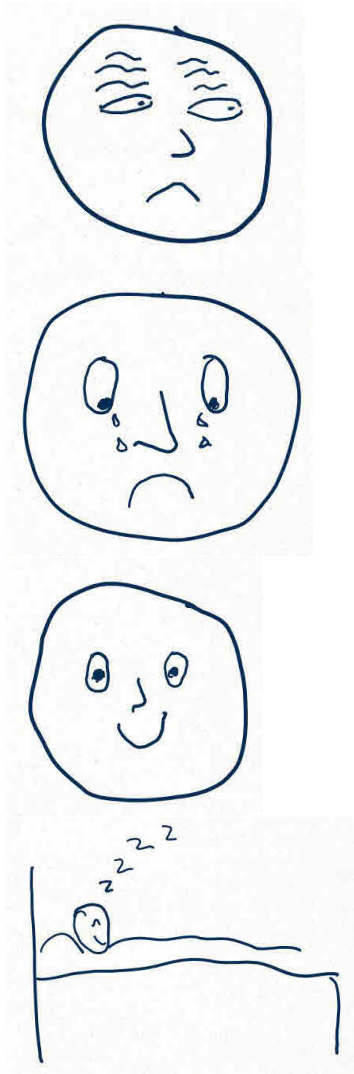
Communication including speech, understanding, reading, writing, using a computer



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e.g.	To be able to answer the telephone	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To be confident talking to someone I know - 2 months To be confident talking on the telephone to someone I know - 4 months 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lots of practice with people I know Use answerphone until confident answering phone myself.
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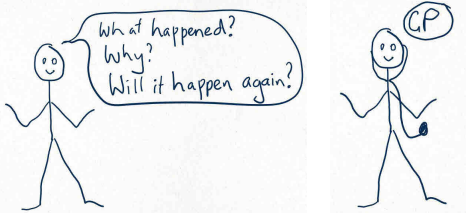

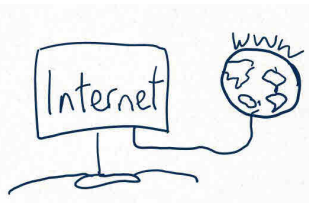
Emotional issues

like feeling anxious, worried, stressed, depressed, helpless





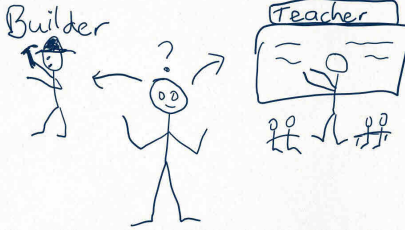
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e.g.	To feel in control/charge	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Look at my main hopes for the next 12 months every week 2. Sleep 6 hours/night + nap 1 hour 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Put my 'main hopes' sheet on the fridge door where I can see it 2. Join a support group?
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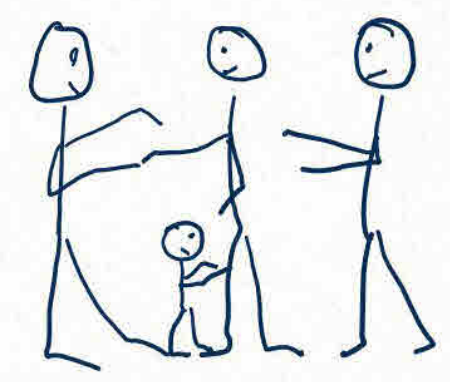
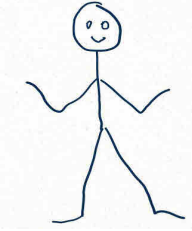
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	e.g.	Understand what happened and why	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand what stroke is 2. Understand why stroke occurred 3. Understand rehabilitation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talk to other people, including Stroke Foundation, doctor, internet (www.stroke.org.nz)
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Financial issues

like paying the bills, returning to work, using a budget, knowing about available supports

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	e.g.	To reduce travel costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mobility car sticker 2. Taxi chits and other supports 3. Informed about WINZ support 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GP to provide 2. Stroke foundation, local providers 3. WINZ information
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My support network – where I go for help, support, having a good time

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	e.g.	To get more of my support team involved	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support team understand my main hopes for the future 2. Enough help for me and my carers 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information/SF/support group 2. Meet with support needs assessor (GP can arrange)
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Preventing strokes and heart attacks in the future

Blood pressure

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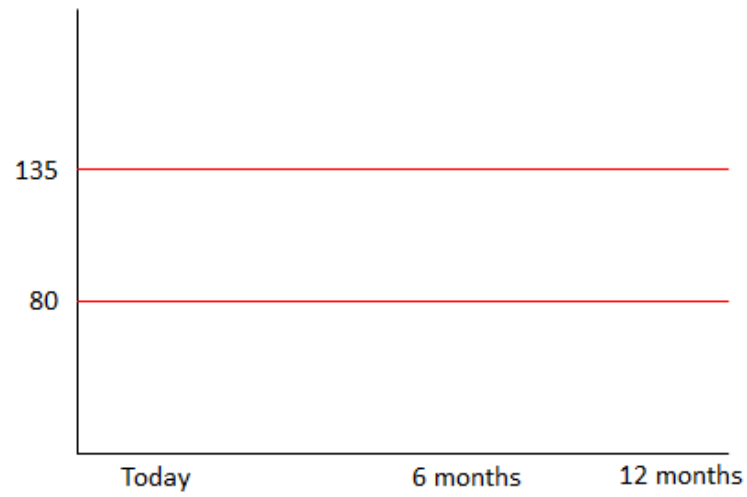
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Exercise

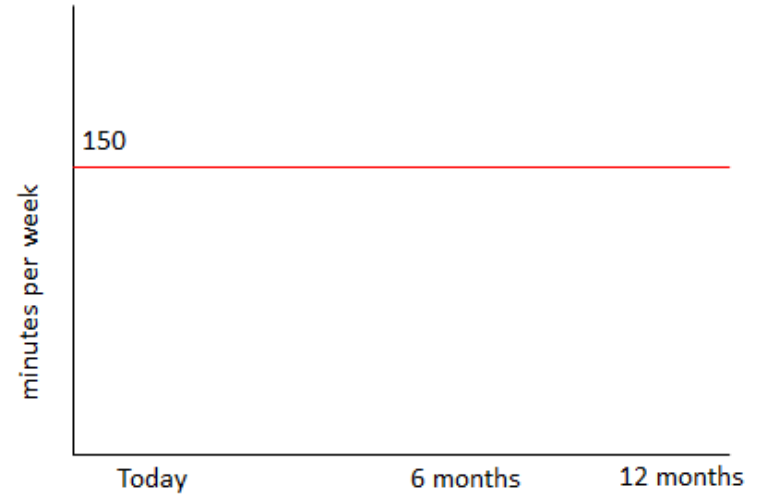
Diabetes

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e.g.	<i>To reduce my risk of stroke (my problems are high blood pressure, diabetes and cigarettes!)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BP < 135/80 2. HbA1C < 50 3. Quit smoking 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce salt, take medicines, measure myself at home 2. Nutrition and exercise 3. Enrol quit programme
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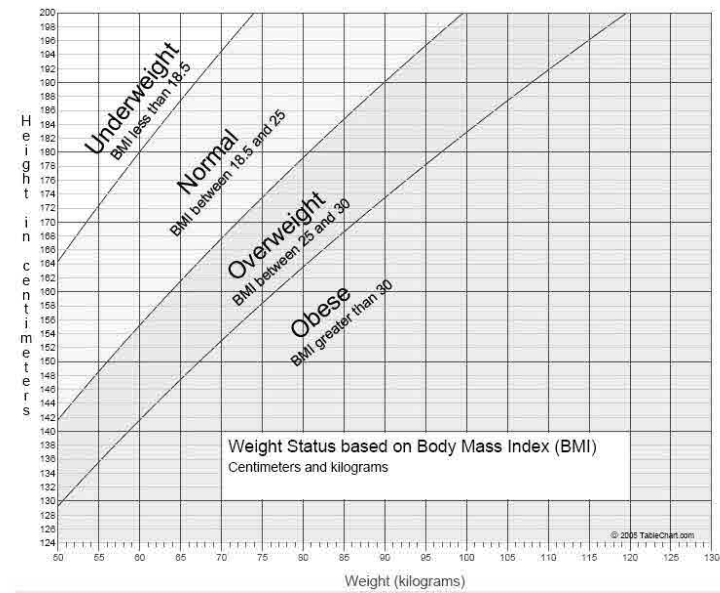
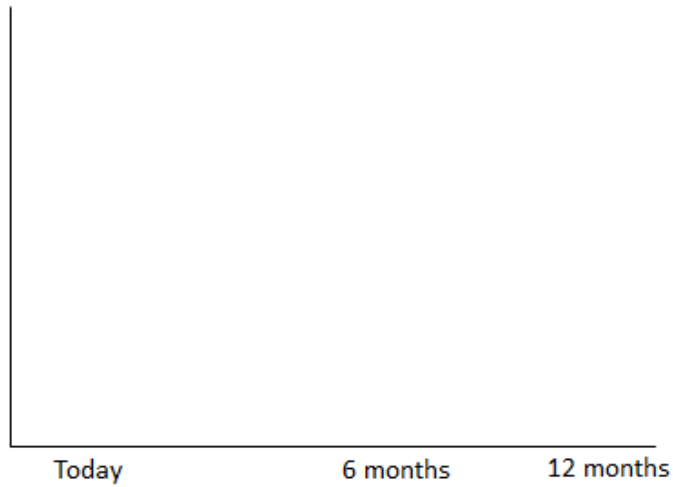
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Exercise Target



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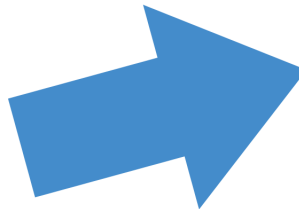
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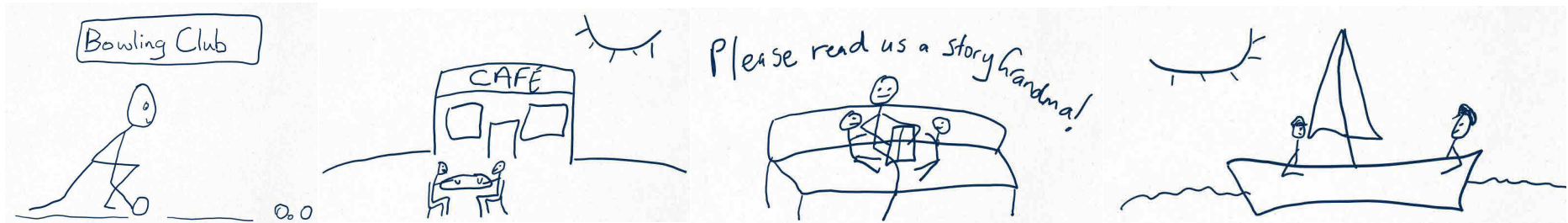
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