## **Automatic Negative Thoughts (ANTS!)**

Automatic negative thought:
Testing the automatic thought
1) What is the evidence?
Evidence for:
Evidence against:
2) What are the errors in my thinking (cognitive distortions)?
3) What is an alternative viewpoint?
4) What is the worst that could happen?
What is the best that can happen?
What is the most realistic outcome?
What would I do if the worst happened?
5) What can I do to help myself?
6) What is the effect of my thinking?
Revised thought: