

Swimsuit Season Self-Talk Script Cards

Kind, research-backed words to quiet shame and keep you present this season

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Say these out loud at the mirror, silently while packing your bag, or any time swimsuit anxiety rises. Catch the thought, name it if it helps, then replace it with one of these scripts. Repetition builds the habit.

COMPASSIONATE

"I am allowed to take up space exactly as I am this summer."

Say at the mirror before leaving the house.

IN THE MOMENT

"This feeling is real, but it does not define my worth today."

Say when anxiety spikes at the beach or pool.

BODY NEUTRALITY

"My body lets me swim, play, and laugh today."

Say when focus shifts from function to appearance.

SELF-PERMISSION

"I deserve to enjoy today."

Say before any outing where body anxiety is high.

MIRROR MOMENT

"I don't have to like how I look to treat myself with kindness."

Say in the fitting room or while trying on swimsuits.

REFRAME

"I am choosing presence over perfection today."

Say before a photo, a beach trip, or a pool party.

BELONGING

"My friends and family want to see me, not a filtered version."

Say when comparison thoughts rise around others.

GRATITUDE

"I am grateful for my body's ability to move and feel the sun."

Say at any moment of disconnection from your body.

Body Neutrality Affirmations

"My inherent value is not measured by how I look or how much I weigh."

"I focus on how I feel, not just how I look."

"My body is a miraculous vessel that keeps me alive – not an object to be scrutinised."

"I matter because I exist. I do not have to earn or prove this to anyone."

"I respect, nurture, and appreciate my body for all it does for me."

The 60-Second Shame Reset

Use at the mirror, before leaving the house, or anywhere anxiety spikes.

- 1 Place one hand on your chest. Feel it rise and fall. You are safe.
- 2 Breathe out slowly. Say: "This feeling is real, but it does not define me."
- 3 Name one kind fact: "I am allowed to take up space exactly as I am."
- 4 Move on with your day. You do not have to wait until the feeling is gone.

Reflection Sheet

Use weekly – or any time the inner critic gets loud

Column 1 Triggering thought I noticed today <i>Write it without editing – just what appeared.</i>	Column 2 Kind response I can offer myself <i>What would you say to a friend who felt this?</i>	Column 3 One small caring action (not corrective) <i>Something gentle – not to fix, just to be kind.</i>
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Your summer belongs to you – presence, connection, and joy are available right now, in the body you have today.

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