

How to Cope with Life Transitions



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There are many different ways to cope with life transitions, and everyone copes differently, so be patient with yourself.

Here are a few ways to help you cope with your life transition.

Practice Radical Acceptance:

Radical Acceptance focuses on accepting things exactly as they are without ignoring or avoiding them. Radical acceptance encourages you to actively acknowledge the situation as it is and move through the experience without trying to change it.

Grieve the Loss:

Recognise that a major life transition can be challenging so allow yourself to acknowledge the emotions that come with it. Even positive change can include grief for what once was. Be patient with yourself, as grieving is not a linear process, nor is there a time limit nor a right or wrong way to grieve.

Seek Support:

Don't go through the process alone - surround yourself with family and friends who can be your support system. Comfort and reassurance from loved ones can encourage you.

Engage in Self-Care:

Prioritise self-care activities that foster your emotional, mental and physical well-being. This may include maintaining a healthy diet, engaging in hobbies, or expressing yourself through a creative outlet.

Set Realistic Goals and Expectations:

Understand that life transitions can take time to adjust to, and it is ok to experience highs and lows during this period. Set small and realistic goals for what you want to accomplish during this transition period. Don't set unattainable expectations for yourself or the process as unmet expectations can create frustration or stress.

Establish a Routine:

Creating a routine can help you adjust to a transition by providing a sense of consistency and stability. Regular sleep and wake times, a daily walk, meditation, or intention-setting for the day can be great additions to your routine.