EXERCISE: Identifying Cognitive Aspects of Depression

Worksheet 13.3 lists some negative thoughts that people frequently have when they are depressed. To see if you've had these types of negative thoughts, and to help you distinguish among them, mark each thought you have had and indicate whether each thought is negative toward yourself, your future, or your experiences.

WORKSHEET 13.3. Identifying Cognitive Aspects of Depression

	Is the thought negative toward myself, my
Mark each thought you have had:	future, or my experiences?
☐ 1. I'm no good.	
2. I'm a failure.	
3. Nobody likes me.	
4. Things will never get better.	
5. I'm a loser.	
☐ 6. I'm worthless.	
7. No one can help me.	
8. I've let people down.	
9. Others are better than I am.	
☐ 10. (S)he hates me.	
☐ 11. I'm always making mistakes.	
☐ 12. My life is a disaster.	
☐ 13. (S)he dislikes me.	
☐ 14. This is hopeless.	
☐ 15. Others are disappointed in me.	
☐ 16. I can't change.	