

# What perfectionism is NOT





### High Standards

While perfectionists do have high standards for themselves, not everyone with high standards is a perfectionist.





## Being detail-oriented

While perfectionists can be detailoriented, being detail-oriented does not necessarily mean being a perfectionist.



Detail-oriented individuals pay attention to specifics and seek precision, but they

can still *accept imperfections* and have a more *flexible* mindset.



### Aguarantee for success

Despite the belief that perfectionism leads to success, the reality is more nuanced.

Perfectionism can actually hinder progress and productivity, as the fear of failure and making mistakes can lead to procrastination, anxiety, and paralysis.

Success is a result of consistent effort, learning from mistakes, and adaptability.



## A fixed personality trait

Perfectionism is a mindset and behavioral pattern that can be changed and modified.

It is not an inherent personality trait that cannot be altered.

With self-awareness, self-compassion, and the willingness to challenge perfectionistic tendencies, individuals can work

individuals can work towards healthier attitudes and behaviors.





### A reflection of self-worth

Perfectionists often tie their self-worth to their achievements and external validation.

However, it's important to recognize that inherent worth and value as a person are *not contingent* upon being perfect or meeting impossible standards.

Self-acceptance and self-compassion are key to breaking free from perfectionism.





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