DEALING WITH STRONG EMOTIONS

Emotions



Emotions are feelings that come when something happens.
Our brain reacts automatically.
How we feel depends on past experiences.

 Seven basic emotions: Joy, anger, disgust, fear, contempt, sadness and surprise

Emotions affect:

- How we act
- What we remember
- Our choices

Why are emotions stronger in teenagers?

- Hormone changes
- More stress
- Brain is still growing (frontal cortex)

Problems from strong emotions:

- Health problems
- Weaker immune system (from stress)
- Issues with stomach, heart, or nerves

How to manage strong emotions:



- Write your feelings (journal)
- Talk to someone you trust
- Try to relax: breathing, meditation, muscle relaxation
- Move your body and rest
- Take care of yourself:
 - → Know what you need
 - → Say "no" when needed
 - → Plan regular breaks





