Seven Primary Feelings

As children we were often not given much language about emotions. This handout is a resource to put your feelings and emotional experience into words.

Joy	☐ Happy☐ Confident☐ Glad☐ Excited	PleasedDeterminedContentHopeful	☐ Inspired☐ Proud☐ Optimistic
Fear	AnxiousAfraidWorriedDoubtfulDredNervous	Reluctant Vulnerable Powerless Overwhelmed Uneasy Shocked	Surprised Alarmed Paranoid Pressured Trapped
Anger	Resentment Frustration Annoyed Irritated	☐ Pissed Off ☐ Mad ☐ Hostile ☐ Disappointed	☐ Hateful ☐ Insulted ☐ Bitter
Pain	Sad Lonely Hurt Helpless Embarrassed	OverwhelmedRejectedHeart-brokenHumiliatedTense	DisappointedJealousPowerlessConfused
Shame	DisgustedTrappedAshamedHumbled	Pathetic Regretful Exposed	
Guilt	Remorseful Regretful Sickened Shocked	☐ Horrified☐ Helpless☐ Foolish☐ Dismay	
Love	Caring Affection Admiration Appreciation	☐ Trusting ☐ Proud ☐ Secure ☐ Safe	☐ Grateful ☐ Passion ☐ Warmth ☐ Tender

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