Child Thoughts

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Generally omit thoughts

3-6

Bad

I'm scared

Mommy doesn't love me

I'm bad

I'm a bad girl/boy

Good

It's over, I'm safe

Mommy loves me

I'm good

I'm a good girl/boy

6-10

I'm bad

I'm in fog

I'm going to explode

I'm hot

I don't belong

I'm stupid

I can't do it

I don't understand

I can't get help

I am not lovable

I am uncomfortable in my skin

I am fat

I messed up

I'm good

I'm in a clear place/sunshine

I'm calm

I'm cool (as a cucumber)

I do belong

I'm clever

I can do it

I do understand

I can get help

I'm lovable

I fit in my skin

I'm just right

I did the best I could

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Feelings Vocabulary Chart

