

Growth vs. fixed mindset

Write a paragraph about specific examples in your personal experience in previous mathematics courses that aligned with the video¹ you just watched.

Course policy on supportive language²

Students are not allowed to make disparaging comments, at any time or for any reason, about themselves, their mathematical ability, their peers, or the abilities of their peers. Here are some examples.

Not allowed

I can't do this.

That was stupid.

I'm an idiot.

I'll never understand this.

This is impossible.

Acceptable replacement

I am still learning how to do this.

That was a productive mistake.

This is going to take careful thought.

This might take me a long time and a lot of work to figure out.

There is something interesting and subtle in this problem.

¹“The Power of Belief” by Eduardo Briceño. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN34FNb0KXc>

²adapted from Ben Braun (Univ. Kentucky)

Two Mindsets

