IFS Inner Parts Mapping Guide

A beginner-friendly IFS workbook for self-discovery

"All parts are welcome. Every part has a purpose. You are not broken – you are made of wisdom."

■ Step 1 – Meet Your Inner World

Start by asking: "Who's here right now?"

Sit quietly, take a breath, and notice: What emotions, sensations, or thoughts are showing up? Use this space to name or describe them:

■ Step 2 – Identify Different Parts

Think of a recent situation that brought up emotion or inner conflict.

- 1. Who was activated in that moment? △■
- 2. What did that part try to do for you? △■
- 3. How old does this part feel? △■
- 4. Where do you feel it in your body? △■

■ Step 3 – Get to Know the Roles

IFS divides parts into 3 main roles:

- Managers Try to keep life under control (e.g., perfectionist, planner, critic)
- Firefighters Jump in when emotions feel too intense (e.g., numbing, distractions)
- Exiles Carry wounds from the past (e.g., shame, fear, heartbreak)

■ Manager: 🙈

■ Firefighter: △■

■ Exile: △■

■ Step 4 – Meet the Self

Take a breath and ask yourself:

"Can I be present with these parts from a place of curiosity and care?"
IFS is not about fixing your parts — it's about being with them, from your Self.
Write a short message from your Self to one of your parts: △■

■ Step 5 – Create a Parts Map

Draw a basic sketch of your inner system — like a constellation or inner family. It can be messy or playful. Just note where each part might "sit" in your system.

[■] Manager –	
[■] Exile –	

[■] Firefighter –
[■■] Observing Self –
■■ Draw, doodle, or describe it here: △■

♥■ Final Reflection

What surprised you? What do you want to keep exploring?

