

THE STOIC STRATEGIST

Tool Selector

Start with the difficulty that is blocking your current decision. Choose one drill, complete it, then carry the useful findings back to your Decision Brief. You do not need to complete the entire workbook first.

Book means The Stoic Strategist. Workbook means The Stoic Strategist Decision System. Chapter numbers below apply to both; drill numbers restart in each workbook chapter. Use the contents and drill bookmarks to navigate.

When you are stuck on...	Book chapter	Workbook drill	What to produce
I cannot separate facts from gaps.	Chapter 2 Intelligence Analysis: Seeing the World As It Is	Ch. 2, Drill 2 Known vs Unknown Separation	Known facts, important gaps, and the next information-gathering step.
I may be treating an assumption as fact.	Chapter 2 Intelligence Analysis: Seeing the World As It Is	Ch. 2, Drill 3 Assumption Stress Test	An alternative explanation, disconfirming evidence, and an updated assessment.
My priorities conflict.	Chapter 9 Crafting a Personal Decision Framework	Ch. 9, Drill 2 Priority Hierarchy	Ranked priorities, the tradeoff, and a reason to reconsider the ranking.
A disagreement is becoming personal.	Chapter 5 Handling Conflict	Ch. 5, Drill 1 Conflict Framing Protocol	An observable account, the underlying issue, your objective, and constraints.
Fear or urgency is driving my response.	Chapter 7 Responding to Fear and Pressure	Ch. 7, Drill 1 Pressure Identification	The fear, immediate impulse, and facts distinguished from speculation.
I must choose with incomplete evidence.	Chapter 4 Facing Uncertainty	Ch. 4, Drill 4 Controlled Action Selection	A choice to act, investigate, or wait, with risks, a reason, and a review time.
A result disappointed me.	Chapter 10 The Way Forward: Becoming a Stoic Strategist	Ch. 10, Drill 3 Failed Decision Review	An evidence-based account of process and outcome, plus a specific correction.

Return to the decision

Before acting, use the Decision Brief to record your choice, first action, and review trigger. After acting, use the Decision Review sheet for any outcome. The Failed Decision Review drill is for a disappointing result; its title does not mean the reasoning must have been flawed.

For completed examples, use The Overloaded Team for priorities, A Disputed Decision for conflict, and A Promising Pilot for incomplete evidence. Each is an illustrative scenario.

Start with [quick_start.pdf](#). In [reusable_sheets/](#), choose the two-page [_fillable.pdf](#) files for typing or the original one-page PDFs for printing. Examples are in [worked_examples/](#). Allow time appropriate to the decision.