## EXECUTIVE FUNCTION

## Skills?

Executive Function (EF) skills is an umbrella term (same as learning differences). We use EF skills every day to learn, work, and manage daily life.

## 3 SKILL AREAS

There are three main areas of EF skills. They are:Working memory: the ability to keep information in your
mind and work with it.Cognitive flexibility (also called flexible thinking): the
ability to adjust to changes and shifting priorities.
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Inhibitory control (includes self-control): the ability to resist an initial impulse to do one thing, to act more wisely before that impulse.

## WHAT KIND OF SKILLS?



EF skills are responsible for many skills, including:

- Paying attention
- Organizing, planning, and prioritizing
- Starting tasks and staying focused on them to completion
- Understanding different points of view
- Regulating emotions
- Self-monitoring (keeping track of what you're doing)


## YOU CAN THINK OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTION SKILLS AS "THE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OF THE BRAIN"



## DID YOU KNOW?

- EF skills include self-control, organization, and flexible thinking.
- People with ADHD may struggle with EF skills
- Working memory is a better predictor of academic
success than IQ.


Learn.
Develop.
Succeed.

