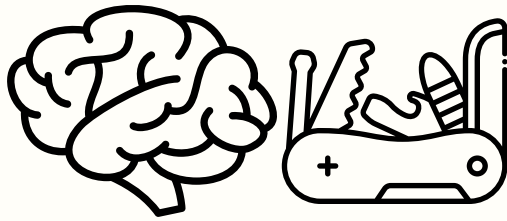


MIND TOOLS

PRACTICING EXECUTIVE FUNCTION

strategies to manage behavior in order to accomplish long term goals to be more effective & successful at life



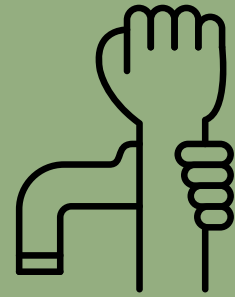
1 SELF-AWARENESS

practice mindfulness techniques to increase awareness | observing what you're doing **as** you're doing it | without judgement or criticism | keep returning to the present | we can't regulate our behavior if we're not aware of our behavior



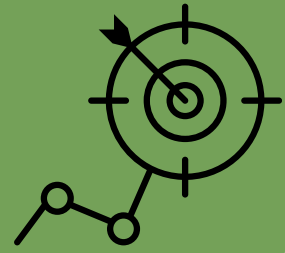
2 SELF-RESTRAINT

slow down | pause | stop yourself in the moment | reflect | is what I'm doing right now, aligned with my core values? | if not ask yourself, what is the next helpful step forward?



3 SELF-SENSING

utilize visual imagery to guide behavior | think about how it will feel accomplishing a long-term goal | map out the plan, break it down step by step | estimate the time it will take | consider your energy bank | plot the course into your calendar.



4 SELF-SPEECH

externalize thoughts to help organize & plan | talk to yourself or out loud to someone supportive | how did it feel when you accomplished a goal in the past | this helps regulate behavior & emotions, which informs self-monitoring & increases problem solving skills.



5 SELF-DIRECTED EMOTIONS

manage your reaction to the situation | consider intensity, duration & expression of each specific emotion | read the room | ask yourself, is this reaction disproportionate to the outside environment & people around you? | tune into your own sensory experience.



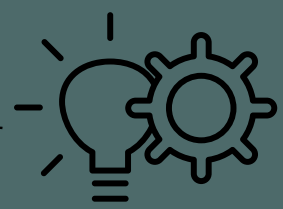
6 SELF-MOTIVATION

when difficulty arises with starting or completing a task imagine your future self, visualize how you will feel after accomplishing that goal | incorporate a motivational factor: novelty, gamify, incentive, recognition, or external accountability | connecting with your why or core values can help to change behavior & outcome.



7 PLANNING & PROBLEM SOLVING

experiment | think about a variety of options | invent or create multiple possibilities | which solves the problem? | allow the brain to imagine the future & create the outcome you want | this is known as mental play.



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