

## **Executive Skills Questionnaire —**

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Step I: Read each item below and then rate that item based on the extent to which you agree or disagree with how well it describes you. Use the rating scale below to choose the appropriate score. Then add the three scores in each section. Use the Key on page 2 to determine your executive skill strengths (2-3 highest scores) and weaknesses (2-3 lowest scores).

Strongly disagree	1	Tend to agree	5
Disagree	2	Agree	6
Tend to disagree	3	Strongly agree	7
Neutral	4		

- | <b>Item</b>   | <b>Your score</b> |
|---|-------------------|
| 1. I don't jump to conclusions                                      | _____             |
| 2. I think before I speak.  | _____             |
| 3. I don't take action without having all the facts.                | _____             |
| <b>YOUR TOTAL SCORE:</b> _____                                      |                   |
| 4. I have a good memory for facts, dates, and details.              | _____             |
| 5. I am very good at remembering the things I have committed to do. | _____             |
| 6. I seldom need reminders to complete tasks                        | _____             |

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**Item**

**Your score**

22. At the end of the day, I've usually finished what I set out to do.  
 23. I am good at estimating how long it takes to do something.  
 24. I am usually on time for appointments and activities.

**YOUR TOTAL SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

25. I take unexpected events in stride.  
 26. I easily adjust to changes in plans and priorities.  
 27. I consider myself to be flexible and adaptive to change.

**YOUR TOTAL SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

28. I routinely evaluate my performance and devise methods for personal improvement.  
 29. I am able to step back from a situation in order to make objective decisions.  
 30. I "read" situations well and can adjust my behavior based on the reactions of others.

**YOUR TOTAL SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

31. I think of myself as being driven to meet my goals.  
 32. I easily give up immediate pleasures to work on long-term goals.  
 33. I believe in setting and achieving high levels of performance.

**YOUR TOTAL SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

34. I enjoy working in a highly demanding, fast-paced environment.  
 35. A certain amount of pressure helps me to perform at my best.  
 36. Jobs that include a fair degree of unpredictability appeal to me.

**YOUR TOTAL SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**KEY**

Items	Executive Skill	Items	Executive Skill
1 - 3	<b>Response Inhibition</b>	4 - 6	<b>Working Memory</b>
7 - 9	<b>Emotional Control</b>	10 - 12	<b>Task Initiation</b>
13 - 15	<b>Sustained Attention</b>	16 - 18	<b>Planning/Prioritization</b>
19 - 21	<b>Organization</b>	22 - 24	<b>Time Management</b>
25 - 27	<b>Flexibility</b>	28 - 30	<b>Metacognition</b>
31 - 33	<b>Goal-Directed Persistence</b>	34-36	<b>Stress tolerance</b>

**Strongest Skills**

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**Weakest Skills**

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Managing classroom assignments	Ensure students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• start promptly</li><li>• complete on time</li><li>• hand in when done</li></ul>	
Managing homework	Ensure students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• write down assignments in assignment book</li><li>• understand assignments</li><li>• bring home necessary materials to do homework</li><li>• hand in assignments on time</li></ul>	
Managing materials	Ensure students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• keep desks organized</li><li>• keep notebooks organized</li><li>• maintain organizational systems</li></ul>	
Planning/time management	Help students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• break down long-term</li></ul>	

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