

Working Memory Essentials™

Practical strategies to remember what matters

Four Small Shifts to Reduce Mental Overload & Remember More

PAUSE

If you forget things, lose your place, or walk into a room and can't remember why, you're not alone.

Working memory is one of the most common executive functioning challenges. It isn't about intelligence or effort. It's about how much information your brain can actively hold while you're using it.

This guide is designed to help you reduce mental overload by making your brain work with you—not harder.

Remember This

You don't need a better memory. You need fewer things competing for it.



Reflection

When does forgetting create the most stress in your day?

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What's Really Happening?

Working memory is your brain's temporary workspace. It allows you to hold information in your mind while solving a problem, following directions, finishing a conversation, or completing a task.

Imagine trying to carry ten grocery bags at once.

Eventually, something gets dropped.

Your brain works the same way.

Imagine This

Working memory is like the sticky notes on your desktop—not the filing cabinet. It's designed to hold a few things temporarily, not everything all at once.

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Capture It Before You Lose It

SMALL SHIFT #1

The moment something matters, give it a place to live outside your brain. Write it down. Speak it into your phone. Add it to your calendar. Don't rely on remembering it later.



Reflection

What is one thing you try to remember every day that could live somewhere else?



Try This Today

Choose one trusted place for every reminder you need today.

Reduce Mental Tabs

SMALL SHIFT #2

Your brain works best when it isn't juggling everything at once. Finish one small task before switching to another whenever possible.



Reflection

What mental "tabs" are open for you right now?



Try This Today

Close one unfinished task before starting something new.

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Build External Memory

SMALL SHIFT #3

Successful people don't remember more. They build systems that remember for them. Use checklists. Visual reminders. Sticky notes. Phone alarms. Calendars. These aren't shortcuts. **They're tools.**



Reflection

Which tool would make remembering easier this week?



Try This Today

Create one checklist for something you do repeatedly.

Give Your Brain More Space

SMALL SHIFT #4

When your brain feels overloaded, stop adding information. Pause. Write everything down. Take one slow breath. Then choose just one next step. Clarity usually returns once your brain has fewer things to carry.



Reflection

What helps your mind feel calmer when everything feels full?



Try This Today

Spend two minutes unloading every thought onto paper.

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Continue Your Growth™

Working memory isn't about remembering everything.
It's about creating systems that help you remember what matters.
Small supports become consistent habits.
Consistent habits create confidence.
Confidence creates independence.

Continue Exploring

- Working Memory Essentials™
- Parent Conversation Guide™

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