



Unit #21 ADHD and Asperger's Syndrome

Below is a list of the vocabulary needed to pass this unit with a good score.

accommodate

to have consideration for

"The hospital banned peanuts in order to accommodate people with allergies."

AS (Asperger's syndrome)

a disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction and restricted patterns of behavior and interests

"The exact cause of Asperger's is unknown and there is no approved medication for it."

ADHD (attention deficit hyperactive disorder)

the common term for an illness characterized by lack of focus and impulsive behavior

"ADHD is often harder to diagnose in girls because the symptoms can be more subtle."

ADHD-C (combined type)

symptoms include frequent fidgeting, interrupting people, impatience, difficulty focusing, finishing tasks, and following instructions

"The parents were horrified by the diagnosis of ADHD-C, but relaxed after learning it was easily treatable."

concentrate

focus all one's attention on an activity

"The boy could only concentrate while taking stimulants such as Ritalin."

coordination

using different body parts together smoothly and efficiently

"A child playing jump rope or football needs a certain level of coordination to be successful."

distracted

unable to concentrate

"Sam failed the test because he was distracted by his classmates during the test."

drawn away from

taken

"The girl was drawn away from her homework by the sound of an ice cream truck."

executive functioning

being able to store, process, and effectively use information

"Executive functions are thought to be regulated by the frontal lobes of the brain."

fidgety

restless or uneasy

"While many people get fidgety at the dentist, people with ADHD can exhibit this behavior simply by being bored."

implied

communicated indirectly

"Sarcasm is a form of implied meaning which is often lost on young children."

impulsive

without thought or careful consideration

"Lack of sleep or proper nutrition can be a cause of temporary impulsive behavior."

literal

exactly as it is written or spoken

"The literal meaning of a text is exactly what it says."

mood

emotions and feelings

"Proper diet and regular exercise can improve the mood of children and adults regardless of whether they have ADHD."

peers

people of the same age and social class

"A child with ADHD often has a hard time making friends with his peers."

ADHD-HI (predominantly hyperactive-impulsive type)

symptoms includes frequent fidgeting, interrupting people, impatience

"Everyone thought the boy was intentionally annoying, but he just had ADHD-HI."

ADHD-PI (predominantly inattentive type)

symptoms include difficulty focusing, finishing tasks, and following instructions

"At first the girl's teachers thought she smart but was lazy, but she then they realized she had ADHD-PI."

share many similarities

things are mostly alike

"All mammals share many similarities including warm blood, teeth, and live birth."

tantrum

a display of severe anger and frustration

"The boy threw a temper tantrum when his mother said it was time to go home."

task switching

changing one's attention from one subject to another

"Efficient task switching is a major part of good executive function."