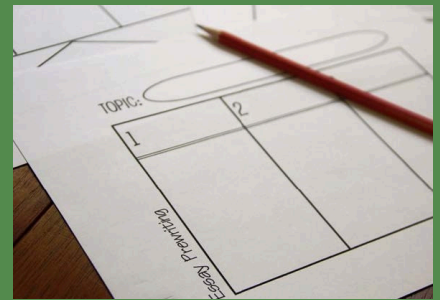


Executive Functioning: Graphic Organizers



What is it?

Graphic organizers for writing are visual tools that provide a structured framework for brainstorming, organizing thoughts, and planning writing. They visually represent relationships between concepts, enhancing comprehension and supporting cohesive, well-structured written work. In the context of inclusive education, these tools are particularly beneficial as they cater to diverse learning needs and styles, including those of students with learning disabilities, ADHD, or language processing difficulties.

Why use it?

For students with learning disabilities or language barriers, graphic organizers reduce cognitive overload and improve accessibility. Additionally, graphic organizers promote engagement, critical thinking, and creativity by allowing students to explore and refine ideas before writing. Overall, they are invaluable for promoting clarity and success in writing across diverse learners and educational contexts.

How to use it?

To effectively use graphic organizers for writing, start by selecting an appropriate organizer that matches the writing task and objectives, such as a web diagram, story map, or outline template. Introduce the organizer to students and explain its purpose in organizing ideas and structuring their writing. Encourage students to brainstorm and jot down key ideas or main points related to their topic in designated sections of the organizer. Next, help students connect these ideas logically by using arrows or lines to show relationships between concepts. Once the organizer is populated with ideas, guide students in using it as a roadmap for drafting their writing piece. They can expand on each point or idea from the organizer, ensuring coherence and clarity throughout their composition.

