



What is ADHD?

Attention deficit
hyperactivity disorder

A group of behavioural
symptoms that include
inattentiveness,
hyperactivity and
impulsiveness

There is no single test for
ADHD, and it can only be
formally diagnosed by a
medical professional.

KEY CAUSES

GENETICS

- ◆ Tends to run in families
- ◆ 4-5 times more likely if parents have ADHD

BRAIN FUNCTION AND STRUCTURE

- ◆ Imbalance of neurotransmitters
- ◆ Brain may take up to 3 years longer to develop

OTHER

- ◆ Born prematurely
- ◆ Low birthweight
- ◆ Brain damage in the womb or early years
- ◆ Drinking/smoking/ drug use during pregnancy

IMPLICATIONS ON LEARNING

THE TEACHER SEES:

- ◆ Struggles to complete tasks and work independently.
- ◆ Persistent questions and interrupting .
- ◆ Argumentative, doesn't work well in groups, can appear bossy.
- ◆ Spacing out, doesn't remember instructions.

THE ISSUE

- ◆ Easily distracted by noise and other factors.
- ◆ Compulsion to excessively talk and blurt out thoughts.
- ◆ Frustration and struggle to filter their thoughts.
- ◆ Struggle focusing and paying attention.