WILLPOWER



CAPACITY TO ENGAGE
IN BEHAVIORS
CONSISTENT WITH YOUR
INTENTIONS

ABILITY TO MEDIATE YOUR RESPONSE TO A TEMPTATION

ABILITY TO ADAPT
WHEN
CIRCUMSTANCES
CHANGE

ABILITY TO THINK
ABOUT
COSEQUENCES OF
ACTIONS

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT WILLPOWER:

- IT'S A FORM OF DECISION-MAKING
- IT'S A CONFLICT BETWEEN OUR "HOT" AND "COOL" SYSTEMS
- IT MAY NOT BE A FINITE RESOURCE, AS WE ONCE THOUGHT
- IT MAY ACT MORE LIKE AN EMOTION, WHICH EBBS AND FLOWS
- IT HAS 3 ELEMENTS: I WON'T, I WILL, I WANT

set "want-to" intentions instead of "have-to" intentions

structure your habits so that you don't have to rely on willpower

practice self-compassion when you experience setbacks focus on the "I will" instead of the "I won't"

bring more awareness to your everyday choices

use meditation to strengthen the neural pathways that support willpower